







ONTARIO THRUWAY  
MONTEZUMA SWAMP  
SPOIL BANK SLIDE  
CLYDE RIVER RELOCATION

Strength of spoil bank

$$\gamma = 85 \text{ #/ft}^3 \text{ SATURATED}$$

$$H = 12'$$

$$i = 18.5^\circ$$

$$\frac{c}{\gamma H} = 0.147 \quad (\phi = 0)$$

$$c = 0.147 \times 85 \times 12 = 150 \text{ #/ft}^2$$



At the time of the slide, there were slides in both the spoil bank and in the marl foundation. Strength values of  $\phi = 12.5^\circ$   $c = 300 \text{ #/ft}^2$  for the marl were obtained from the lab. tests for the Thruway crossing Montezuma Swamp. Strength values of the spoil bank were obtained from Taylor's curves by the above computations to be  $c = 150 \text{ #/ft}^2$ ,  $\phi = 0^\circ$ .

In the vicinity of Sta. N 667 to N 679 on the northernly side of the new Clyde River Channel, a rotational slide occurred involving approximately 7500 cu. yds. of material.

The section being excavated was a 55 ft. bottom width with one on three side slopes, the cut being approximately 22 ft. in depth. A 30 ft. berm was shown on the plans between the top of the slope and the area in which the spoil was being deposited. The height of spoil bank scaled 5' as per a verbal recommendation but was not dimensioned on plans.

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On the basis of a field inspection and an analysis of the forces involved in the slide as it occurred, in which average strength values were used for the materials involved as indicated by laboratory data on similar materials, it appears that the cross section as designed and indicated on the contract plans was adequate if the height of the spoil bank behind the 30ft. berm did not exceed a height of 8 ft. It was recommended that no spoil material be placed on the berm and that the back slope of the berm be held at 1 on 3.

In that area where the slide occurred, because of the remolding of the subsurface soils, it was recommended that the height of spoil area in back of the 30 ft. berm not exceed 5 ft.





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CATSKILL THRUWAY  
DELAWARE AVENUE SLIDE

The following are recommendations made September 1951, for the reconstruction of the slide at Stations 1974 to 1977 of the above project:

1) extend the berm an additional 90 feet, for a total of 140 feet, continuing the original surface on a slope of 1 on 50 to the shoulder edge. The end slope should be 1 on 2 1/2 to permit use of unsuitable materials from clay cuts. The berm should merge with the surrounding ground with a smooth transition. The length of berm has been made to cover the toe of the mud wave developed within the slide area.

2) an inspection of the 36 inch reinforced concrete pipe has shown that there is a definite shear break and half-diameter displacement approximately under the left embankment shoulder. Also, the 4 joints immediately upstream from the shear displacement showed minor vertical faulting and horizontal displacement in the order of 6 inches between joints. The pipe from the downstream end to the failure is to be excavated and relaid and the pipe extended 110 ft. to a new head-wall to coincide with the end slope of the new berm.

The berm construction should precede or proceed concurrently with the new pipe excavation to provide stability at all times.

1) Strength of fill

Assumed for original  $C = 1000$  PSF,  $\phi = 0^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 130$  PCF

Laboratory results from block samples of the compacted silt and clay fill gave  $C = 0$  PSF and  $\phi = 28^\circ$  above an apparent pre-consolidation pressure of approximately 5000 psf. with a shearing stress of approx. 2700 psf at lower confining pressures.

2) Strength of berm

The berm was considered to have no strength. Since the berm is in tension during failure, this assumption is reasonable.

3) Strength of subsoil

Assumed  $C = 600$  PSF  $\phi = 10^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 55$  PCF Sub.

The undisturbed samples disclosed the existence of an old shear slide. Along the sliding surface,  $C = 450$  PSF and  $\phi = 0^\circ$  to  $10^\circ$  should be used.

The original analysis provided for a 1 on 2 slope. A 1 on 2 1/2 slope was provided, thus increasing the stability slightly.



# DELAWARE AVENUE SLIDE CATSKILL THRUWAY

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1) extend the berm an additional 90 feet, for a total of 140 feet, continuing the original surface on a slope of 1 on 2 to the shoulder edge. The end slope should be 1 on 2 1/2 to permit use of unsuitable materials from clay cuts. The berm should merge with the surrounding ground with a smooth transition. The length of berm has been made to cover the top of the mud wave developed within the slide area.

2) an inspection of the 28 inch reinforced concrete pipe has shown that there is a definite shear break and half-diameter displacement approximately under the left embankment shoulder. Also, the joints immediately upstream from the shear displacement showed minor vertical faulting and horizontal displacement in the order of 8 inches between joints. The pipe from the downstream end to the failure is to be excavated and relaid and the pipe extended 110 ft. to a new head-wall to coincide with the end slope of the new berm.

The berm construction should precede or proceed concurrently with the new pipe excavation to provide stability at all times.

## 1) Strength of fill

Assumed for original C = 1000 psf,  $\phi = 0^\circ$ , = 130 pcf

Laboratory results from block samples of the compacted silt and clay fill gave C = 0 psf and  $\phi = 28^\circ$  above an apparent pre-consolidation pressure of approximately 2000 psf, with a shearing stress of approx. 2700 psf at lower confining pressures.

## 2) Strength of berm

The berm was considered to have no strength. Since the berm is in tension during failure, this assumption is reasonable.

## 3) Strength of subsoil

Assumed C = 600 psf,  $\phi = 10^\circ$ , = 55 pcf sub.

The undisturbed samples disclosed the existence of an old shear slide. Along the sliding surface, C = 450 psf and  $\phi$  to  $10^\circ$  should be used.

The original analysis provided for a 1 on 2 slope. A 1 on 2 1/2 slope was provided, thus increasing the stability slightly.



All cross-sections taken subsequent to the slide disclosed the berms lacked an average of 2 ft in height and 5 ft. in width. The slide, with its center over the berm, disallows the possibility of the slide motion causing an apparent decrease in berm size.

A widening of the fill to allow for the addition of an acceleration lane caused a worse condition than anticipated. The effective height of fill under the shoulder is increased by moving the shoulder outward over a ground surface that is sloping downward from the center line.

The original analysis assumed a constant unit weight, but the plans allowed for unsuitable material weighing approximately 110 PCF to be used in the berm. Therefore, in every 8 ft. of berm height, 1 ft. of effective weight is lost.

NOTE: NO BERM ON  
RIGHT SIDE OF  
FILL IN THIS  
AREA

BERM SCHEDULE

STATION	BERM HEIGHT	BERM WIDTH
1974100	2.0	5.0
1974150	2.0	5.0
1975100	2.0	5.0
1975150	2.0	5.0
1976100	2.0	5.0
1976150	2.0	5.0
1977100	2.0	5.0
1977150	2.0	5.0

NOTE: AT THE END OF  
BERMS A TRAILER  
SHALL BE ADDED  
CONFORM WITH  
GROUND SURFACE

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1) An inspection of the 36 inch reinforced concrete pipe has shown that there is a definite shear break and half-diameter displacement approximately under the left abutment shoulder. Also, the 4 joint immediately upstream from the shear displacement showed minor vertical twisting and horizontal displacement in the order of 8 inches between joints. The pipe from the downstream end to the failure is to be extended and raised and the pipe extended 10 ft. to a new head well to coincide with the end slope of the new berm.

The new construction should proceed or proceed concurrently with the new pipe excavation to provide stability at all times.

### 1) Strength of Fill

Assumed for original C = 1000 pcf,  $\phi = 0^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 120$  pcf

Laboratory results from block samples of the compacted fill and clay fill gave C = 500 pcf and  $\phi = 28^\circ$  above an apparent pressure of approximately 5000 pcf. With a bearing capacity of approx. 3700 pcf at lower confining pressures.

### 2) Strength of berm

The berm was considered to have no strength. Since the berm is in tension during failure, this assumption is reasonable.

### 3) Strength of subsoil

Assumed C = 200 pcf,  $\phi = 16^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 55$  pcf sub.

The undisturbed samples disclosed the existence of an old shear plane. Along the sliding surface, C = 450 pcf and  $\phi = 10^\circ$  should be used.

The original analysis provided for a 1 on 2 slope. A 1 on 1 1/2 slope was provided, thus increasing the stability slightly.



VERT. CURVE

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NOTE: NO BERM ON  
RIGHT SIDE OF  
FILL IN THIS  
AREA

PRESENT  
SURFACE

### BERM SCHEDULE

STATION	BERM	WIDTH
	LEFT SIDE OF FILL (EL.)	
1974+00	NONE	NONE
1974+30	1.75	12
1975+00	1.58	10
1975+30	1.08	50
1976+00	1.08	50
1976+30	1.08	50
1977+00	NONE	NONE

NOTE: AT THE ENDS OF ALL  
BERMS A TRANSITION  
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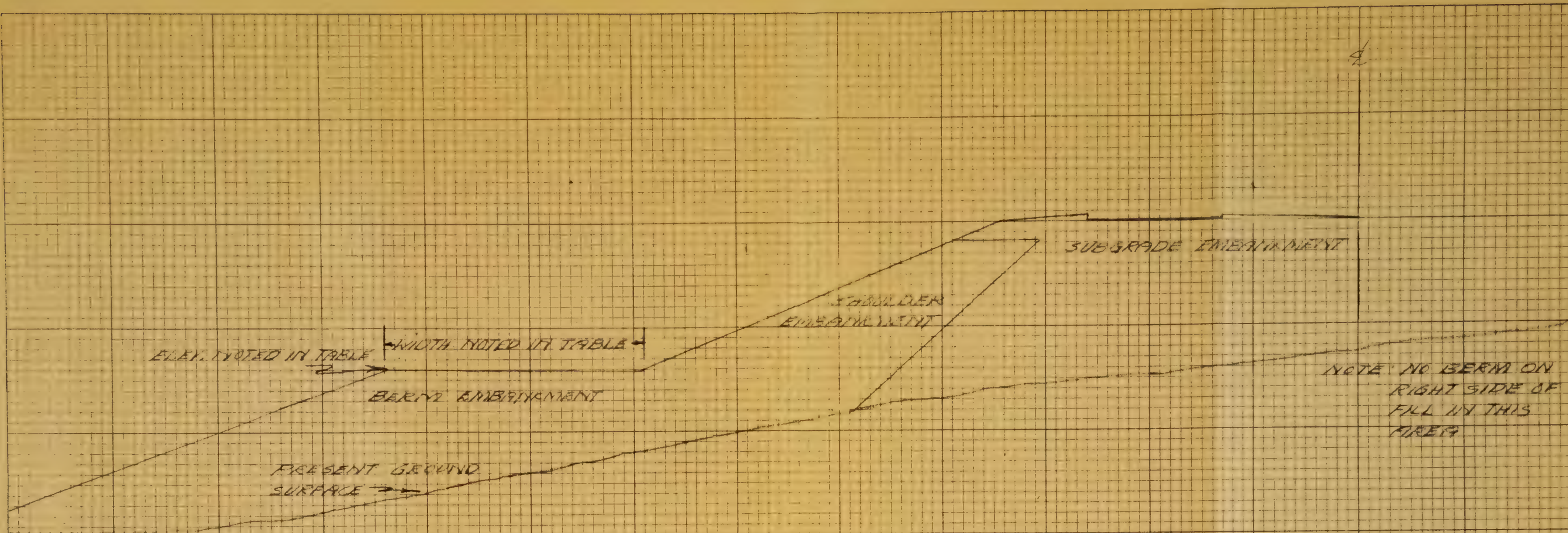
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TYPICAL SECTION OF FILL WITH  
BERM - STA. 1974+00 - 1977+00

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COUNTY ALBANY  
DRAWING NO. 1-90-B

10 X 10 to the Inch.  
MADE IN U.S.A.







BERM SCHEDULE

STATION	BERM LEFT SIDE DEPTH (ft.)	WIDTH
1974+00	NONE	NONE
1974+30	1.5'	20'
1975+00	1.5'	20'
1975+30	1.5'	50'
1976+00	1.5'	50'
1976+30	1.5'	20'
1977+00	NONE	NONE

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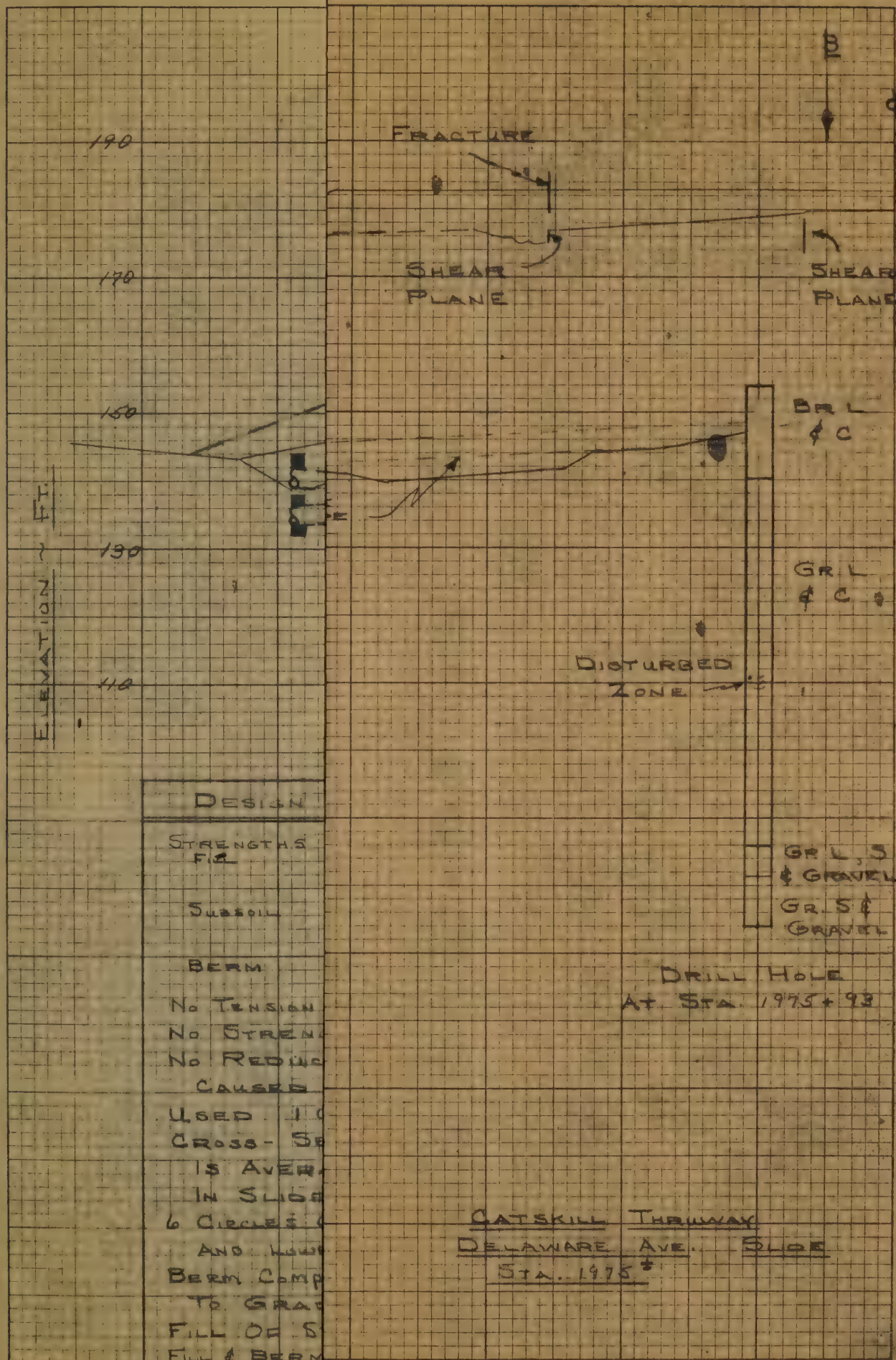
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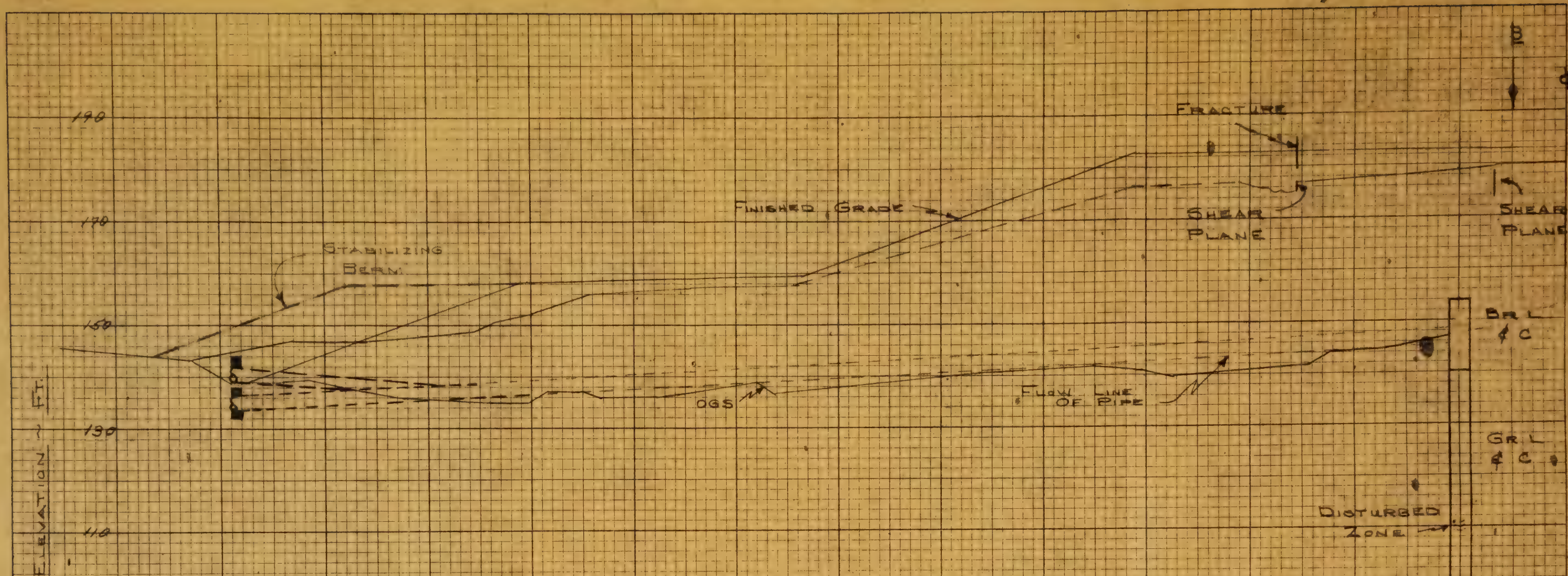




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DELAWARE AVE. SLIDE  
STA. 1975+







DESIGN CONDITIONS	CONDITIONS AT FAILURE
<p>STRENGTHS Fill <math>C = 1000 \text{ #/ft}^2</math> <math>\phi = 0</math> <math>\gamma = 130 \text{ #/ft}^3</math></p> <p>Subsoil <math>C = 400 \text{ #/ft}^2</math> <math>\phi = 10</math> <math>\gamma = 85 \text{ #/ft}^3</math> SUBMERGED</p> <p>BERM <math>\gamma = 110 \text{ #/ft}^3</math></p> <p>NO TENSION CRACKS CONSIDERED. NO STRENGTH IN THE BERM. NO REDUCTION IN STRENGTH CAUSED BY FORMER SLIDE.</p> <p>USED 1 ON 2 SLOPES CROSS-SECTION AT STA 1975+50 IS AVERAGE OF CONDITIONS IN SLIDE</p> <p>6 CIRCLES GAVE CRITICAL CIRCLE AND LOWEST SAFETY FACTOR</p> <p>BERM COMPLETED BEFORE FILL WAS TO GRADE</p> <p>FILL OF STANDARD DIMENSIONS USED</p> <p>FILL &amp; BERM A CONSTANT <math>130 \text{ #/ft}^3</math></p>	<p>STRENGTHS Fill <math>C = 2700 \text{ #/ft}^2</math> <math>\phi = 25</math> <math>\gamma = 127 \text{ #/ft}^3</math></p> <p>EVIDENCE OF <math>C = 300 \text{ TO } 600 \text{ #/ft}^2</math> <math>\phi = 5 \text{ TO } 10</math></p> <p>SLOPES WERE 1 ON 2 1/4</p> <p>BERM NOT BROUGHT TO GRADE OR WIDTH</p> <p><math>110 \text{ #/ft}^3</math> UNDER SHOULDER AND BERM</p>

CATSKILL THRUWAY  
DELAWARE AVE. SLIDE  
STA. 1975+







## NEW HAVEN - SOUTH NEW HAVEN SLIDE

The soil profile, in general, consists of a layer of silt and clay which extends to a depth of 50 feet under the slide area and decreases in thickness to 0 feet approximately 200 feet left, or on the hillside, of the center line. A continuation of the sand and gravel terrace which is located beyond 200 feet left of the center line extends beneath the silt and clay, and lies directly on shale bedrock or compact till which in places overlies the bedrock. This sand layer which is under artesian pressure decreases in thickness to approximately 20 feet under the Madilla River.

Following are methods of stabilizing the slide:

### (1) DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Basically, this is the best approach since it remedies the cause of instability by reducing the artesian pressure. The installation of drainage wells would affect a permanent cure, but would be more costly than a berm.

### (2a) COUNTERWEIGHT BERM

This method would afford at least a temporary stability for the sliding area by creating a more favorable distribution of stresses within the sliding mass. Should the artesian pressures increase to some point above the present pressure, the slide may move again. The portion of the berm adjacent to the river may in itself become unstable and slide in the river.

### (b) Relocating the Madilla River and using a larger berm.

This method could affect a degree of stability comparable to or better than the drainage system. There would be the additional expense of R.O.W. and channel excavation using this method.



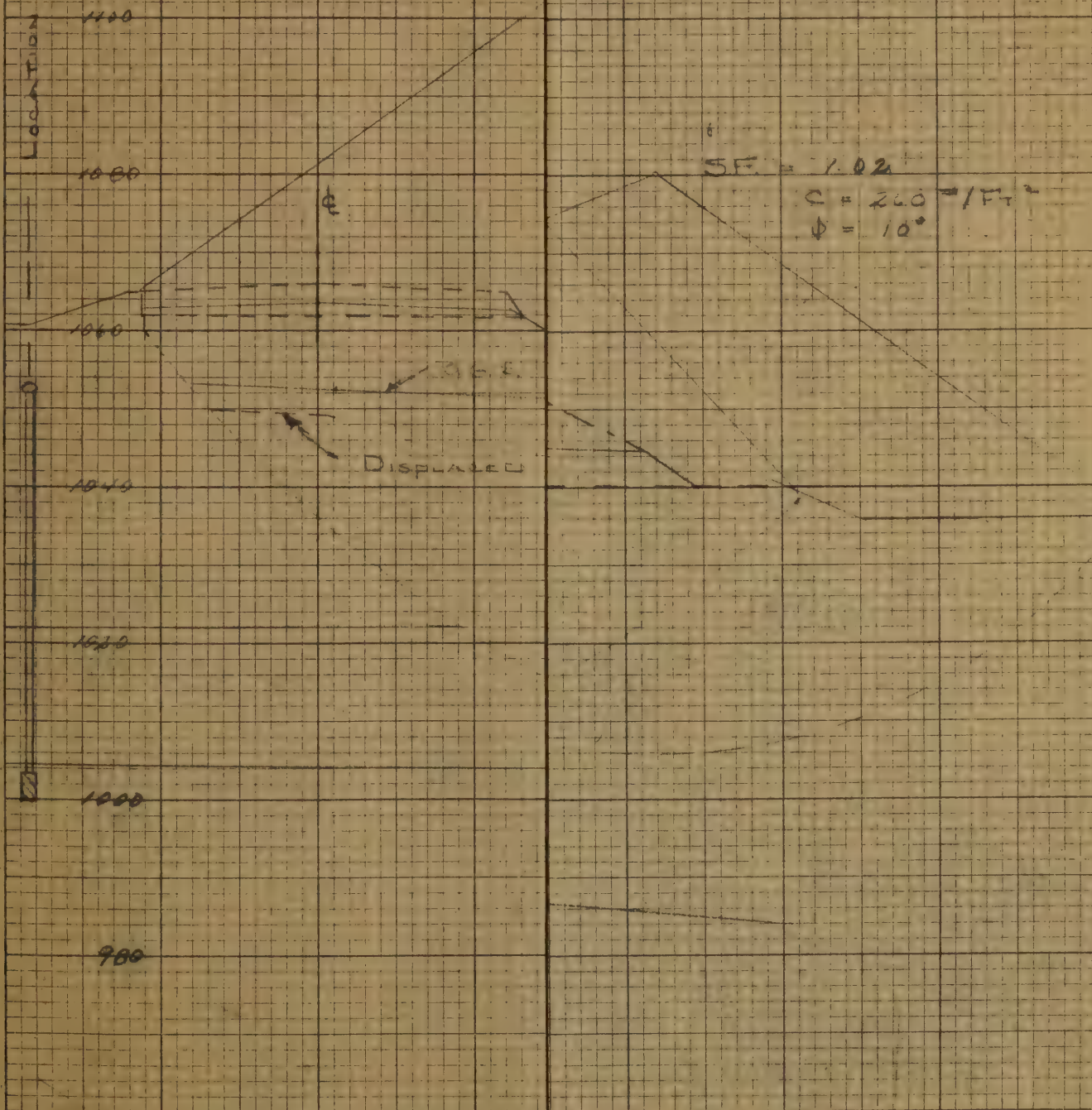


LOCATION OF PROPOSED DRAIN

- (1) W. FERRIS - SOUTH  
 (2) NEW FERRIS - SLOPE

ASSUMPTIONS

- (1)  $C = 240 \text{ lb/ft}^2$   $\phi$  RE TO EL. 7270 OVER  
 (2)  $C = 100 \text{ lb/ft}^2$   $\phi = 10^\circ$   
 $\phi = 12.5^\circ$





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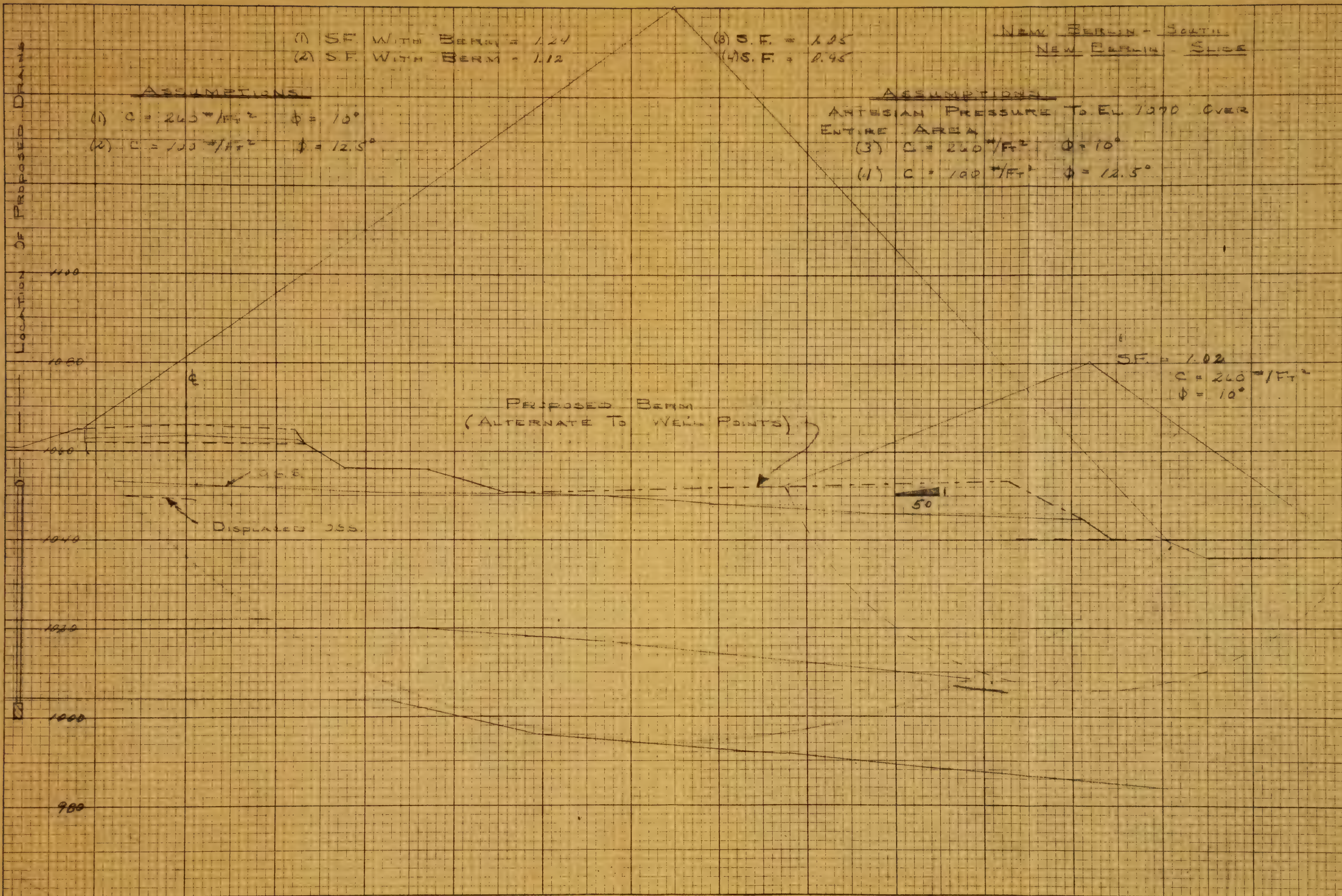
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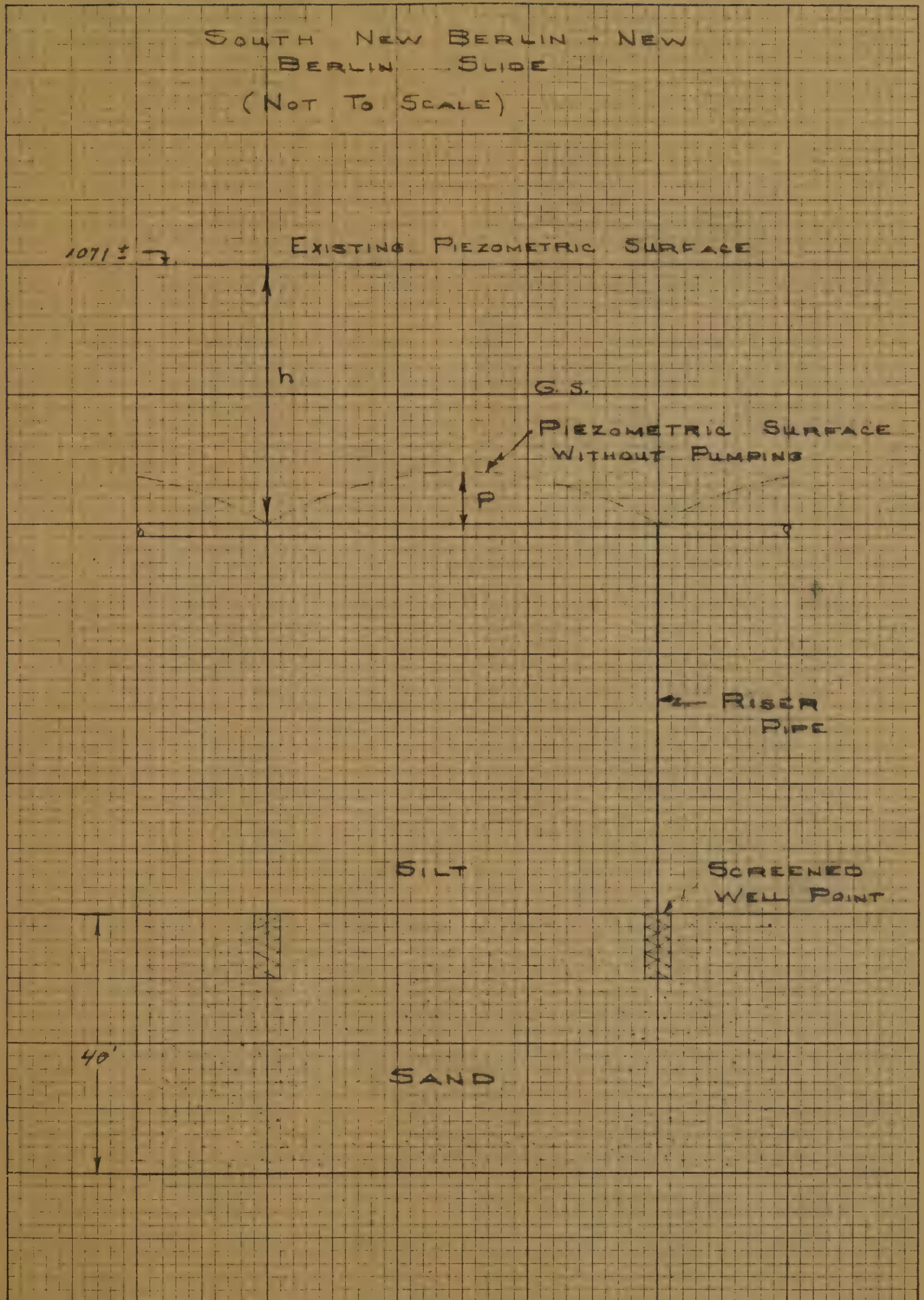








SOUTH NEW BERLIN + NEW  
BERLIN SLIDE  
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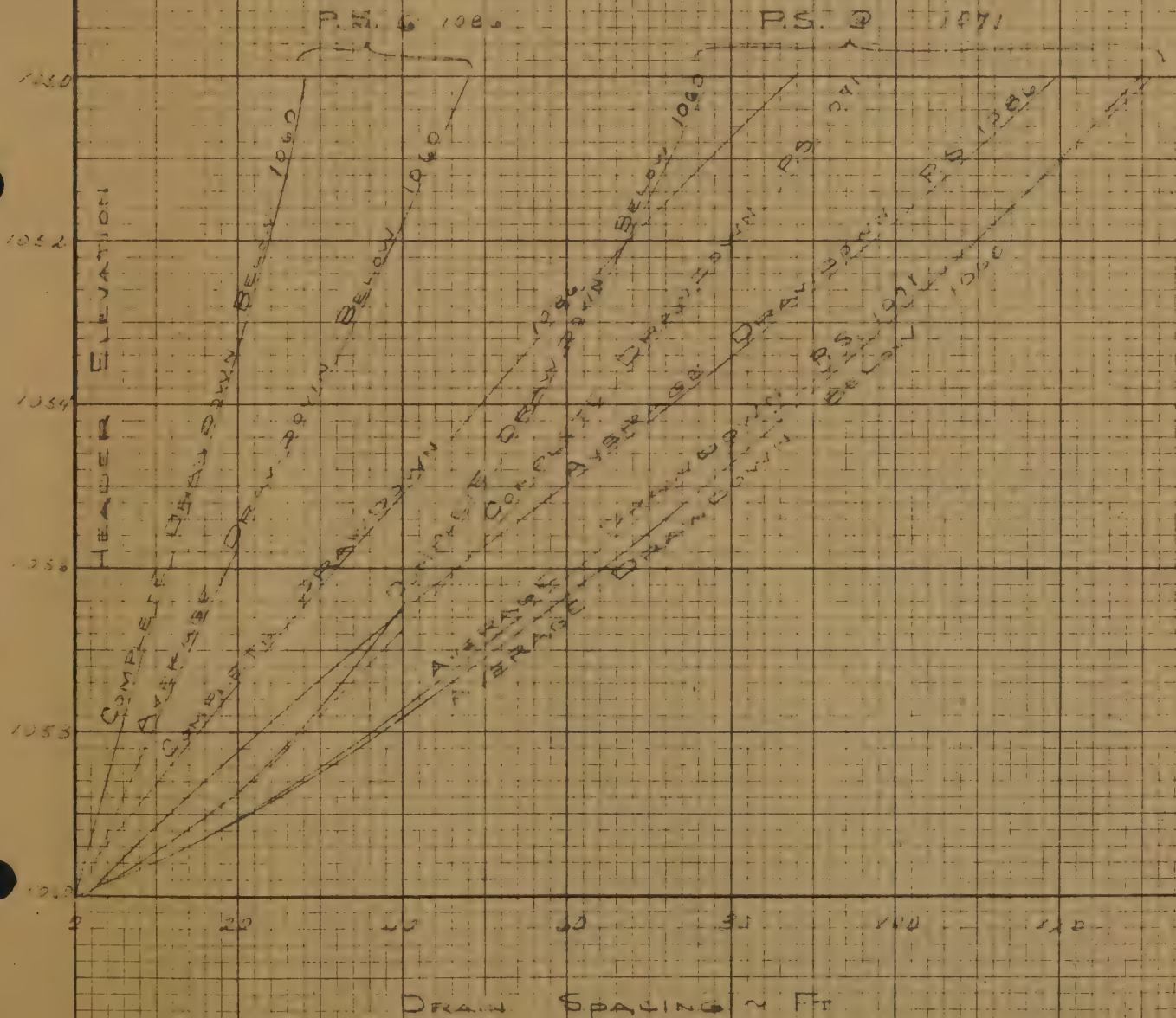






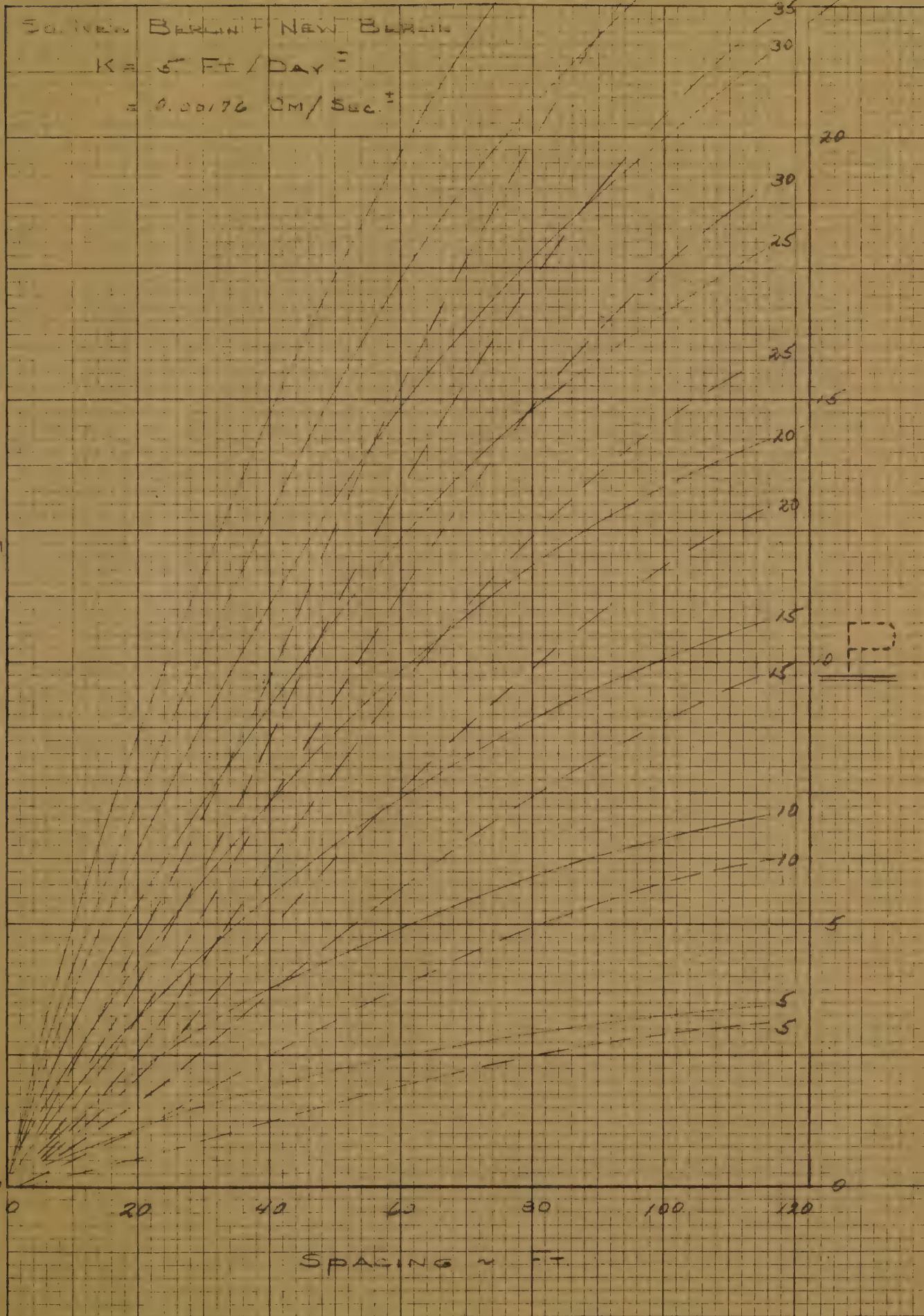
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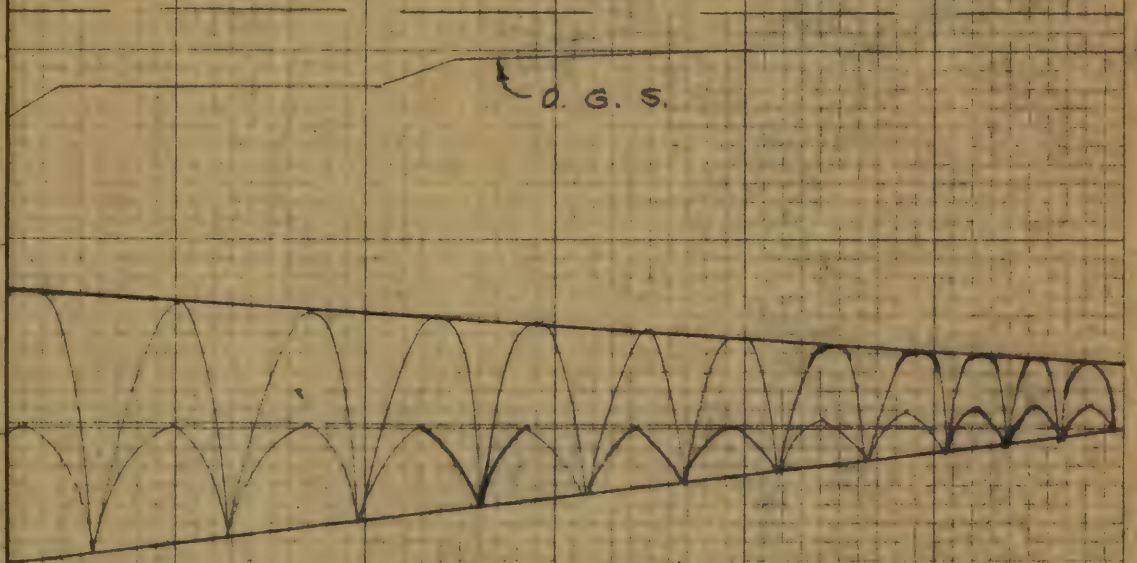




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STANDARD CROSS SECTION  
FOOT TO THE INCH

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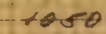
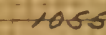
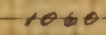
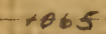
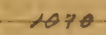
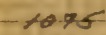
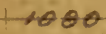
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SO. NEW BERLIN SLIDE  
DRAIN SPACING DISCHARGE  
DRAWDOWN



Piezometric Surface At Elevation 1071' (Measured)

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DISCHARGE PER DRAIN  
PIEZOMETRIC SURFACE  
AT 1071  
K = 5 FT. PER DAY

DISCHARGE PER DRAIN  
PIEZOMETRIC SURFACE  
AT 1086  
K = 5 FT. PER DAY

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EMBANKMENT FOUNDATION PROBLEMS IN SYRACUSE AREA

During the last few years, there have been many foundation problems in connection with highway design and construction in the Syracuse area, mostly centered around the Onondaga Lake perimeter. The general nature of the foundation conditions and development.

The fact that some of these areas have not been more fully developed industrially has reflected, to a large degree, the very poor foundation conditions existing. To me, it is a tribute to the Syracuse District Engineer and to his engineering organization for their foresight and boldness of decisions in locating their newly required major highways through these partly unoccupied areas, which are the only areas left, even though the foundation problems have been and are of major consideration.

Figure No. 1 shows a plan location of these main highways which either have been built, are under construction, or are in various stages of design. Going across the top of the slide is the New York State Thruway. This, of course, has been completed. The foundation problems encountered for this project are in the vicinity of the lake outlet and are shown shaded near the No. 1.

Coming around the lake in a counter-clockwise manner, we have the Lake Onondaga West Shore Development, the State Fair Grounds Park Area, and the State Fair Boulevard reaching well into the city. All of these are in various stages of construction, or just completed. The major areas of foundation problems are shown shaded and numbered (2), (3) and (4).

Coming to the southeast of the lake, there is Hiawatha Boulevard, and the Oswego Boulevard Extension. These are in various stages of design, and practically the entire length has critical foundation conditions. They are shown by the shaded areas Nos. (5) and (6). The Oswego Boulevard Extension will eventually tie into the Lake Onondaga Parkway and into the recently completed Syracuse-Mattydale section, which also connects to the Thruway.

The present Onondaga Lake is a remnant of a more extensive shallow glacial lake. The soft foundation materials surrounding the limits of the present lake have accumulated during and following the last glacial period.

A typical foundation profile may consist of muck at the surface, underlain by soft marl, which merges into soft silt and clay below. Underlying these soft layers may be found sands and silts, then sands and gravels, and then compact glacial till above rock. The thicknesses of these layers may vary from place to place, and not all of them may be found in any one location.





Muck is an accumulation of vegetable matter, and is about the same as is found in other parts of the State. Marl is essentially calcium carbonate mixed with various proportions of impurities. It is soft, weak, and very compressible. The silt and clay is soft and compressible to a slightly lesser degree. The sands and silts are reasonably firm and form a good transition layer into the sands and gravels and tills below, which are firm and compact.

In addition to the natural causes of deposition, these foundation problems are further complicated by the man-made modifications. Nature is generally systematic in its work, even though its results may be heterogeneous, but man's contribution may be quite variable and unpredictable. These include dump fills, remains of prior construction of different kinds, the presence of many utility lines, and sludge beds and layers of sludge found over a large part of the area. Sludge is a whitish waste material from the Solvay Company, and is generally very soft, greasy and fine-grained, and contains a very high moisture content.

To complicate the problems still further, there have been found hydrostatic pressures at some levels in the foundation, and also salt in solution in the ground water. These are of specific importance during design, as proper interpretation is essential for an accurate evaluation of settlement and strength relations.

I will attempt to describe briefly the foundation characteristics and design features for each of the major locations shown on this slide.

Figure No. 2 is a profile of the foundation conditions along the Thruway at the lake outlet. The soft material extends to a depth of approximately 70 feet, and consists of muck, marl and silt and clay. The fill height to grade is approximately 22 feet. Three variables of design were used, depending on the depth and nature of the soft foundation materials: (a) Sand drains were used for the westerly portion where the soft foundation material was the deepest; (b) Partial excavation of the muck was used in the central portion. The fill was built on the marl and silt and clay, and a surcharge was placed above final grade to hasten settlement; (c) Complete excavation to remove all soft material was used in the easterly portion. Typical cross-sections for each of these three methods of solution are shown in Figure No. 3. These are economically in balance. In the easterly portion, shown by Section C-C, it was cheaper to remove all of the soft material which was about 10 feet deep. In the mid-section, shown by Section B-B, the compressible layers were 20 to 30 feet thick, and partial excavation and the use of surcharge was more economical. Due to the great depth of soft material in the westerly portion, to some 70 feet, as shown by Section A-A, sand drains were used to obtain stability and settlement adjustment.

Figure No. 4 shows the amount and rate of settlement obtained in the foundation at one location within the sand drain area. The horizontal scale is a time scale and is common to both curves.



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The vertical scale for the upper curve shows the height of fill reached at any time. The vertical scale for the lower chart is the settlement in feet. The solid curve shows the settlement computed for design before the project was built, and the dashed curve the settlement actually measured in the field during construction. As you can see, the total settlement obtained approached 9-1/2 feet.

Figure No. 5 shows a profile of the Lake Onondaga West Shore Development north of the sludge beds and the State Fair Grounds. Here, this road takes off from the top of the sludge beds and comes down across Nine-Mile Creek into the flats adjacent to the lake. The foundation consists of sludge, muck, marl, and silt and clay, and occasional man-made fills. During construction, the muck was removed and the fill placed either on the sludge or marl, with a surcharge added to hasten settlement. The worst foundation conditions were at Section A-A. At this location, the marl and silt and clay were deepest, stability was quite critical, and a shear failure was a distinct possibility. As it turned out, a shear failure did occur within the limits of the northbound lane during the placement of surcharge. The conditions were aggravated by the nearness of the creek which here runs parallel to the road. This failure has since been repaired.

Figure No. 6 shows a plan and typical section of the State Fair Grounds Parking Area and the northbound lanes for the West Shore Development, located on top of the lower sludge beds in front of the Fair Grounds. The section shows schematically the relative width and height of the lower sludge bed. This bed is approximately 800 feet wide and 3600 feet long and is approximately 25 feet high. The problem connected with constructing on these sludge beds was primarily to obtain shear stability and surface bearing capacity. Due to the soft nature of the material, getting onto the area was a problem in itself.

After considerable study, it was decided that a minimum of two feet of gravel over the area would permit use for parking. The specifications called for the first layer to be 18 inches thick, and that all construction equipment was confined to travel on top of the first layer. Subsequent layers were placed in 6-inch thickness and properly compacted. The overall shear stability problem was more critical in the areas where fills up to 10 feet in height were needed for leveling to the required grade elevations. Paradoxically, the greatest fill height was needed in the area where a slide<sup>had</sup> occurred some years ago, which caused a good part of this sludge material to flow and cover most of the area in front of the State Fair Grounds. The full height of material was placed according to schedule, and the fill has, to date, shown no signs of sliding.

Due to the nature of the sludge material and also due to the relatively soft foundation materials which exist under the sludge beds themselves, some settlement was expected over the entire area, as the result of placing this fill on top of the sludge beds. Since no economical method could be worked out that would eliminate settlement during construction, it was decided to provide for only bearing capacity and shear stability





and to take the settlement as it developed. During the first year after construction, settlements from 1 to 1.5 feet have been measured along the northbound arterial. The change of settlement, however, has been gradual and the road surface is still in fair riding quality. It is expected that, in the future, some grade adjustment may have to be made, especially in the Parking Area, to provide for positive drainage, but the cost of this correction will be quite low in comparison to the high cost of eliminating settlement during construction, if that were possible.

Figure No. 7 is a plan of the State Fair Boulevard connecting the sludge beds to Spencer Street, in the City of Syracuse, southwest of Onondaga Lake. This project is now under construction. You may see the existing State Fair Boulevard and its intersection with Hiawatha Boulevard at the center of the slide.

Figure No. 8 is a profile along the main line of the State Fair Boulevard, showing soft materials to a depth of approximately 100 feet, which consists of Solvay sludge, marl and soft silt and clay. The fill ranges to 27 feet in height. Due to the height of fill and the great depths of soft material, sand drains were used throughout the area to stabilize the foundation. These drains extended from the intersection with the present State Fair Boulevard to approximately 400 feet south of Hiawatha Boulevard. Although these fills have not yet been finished to final surcharge grade, foundation settlements up to six to seven feet have already been measured. South of this point, the original surface has been covered with some 20 feet of miscellaneous dump fill. Here, final grade was low enough to permit using heavy pneumatic-tired rolling to compress the surface materials and give a stable subgrade. The rolling was done with approximately 25 passes of a 50-ton pneumatic-tired roller. This is similar to the rolling done in other districts; such as, in Buffalo, Binghamton and Long Island. The average surface settlement obtained from the rolling was approximately two feet.

Figure No. 9 shows a profile and section of Hiawatha Boulevard in the vicinity of Oswego Boulevard. This project has been designed, but has not yet been let for construction. The fill is expected to be up to 23 feet high. The foundation material consists of dump cinder fill over muck and marl. The problem at this location was serious because of the presence of active utility lines and the limited R.O.W., requiring crowding of the existing Hiawatha Boulevard which has to be retained. The solution here involved complete excavation of the very soft materials, with restrictions placed on the width of excavation to protect some of the utility lines, and also permit relocating other lines prior to excavation.

Figure No. 10 shows the plan of the proposed Oswego Boulevard Extension from Hiawatha Boulevard to beyond Park Street, to connect with the Syracuse-Mattydale section already built. The present Park Street and its intersection with Hiawatha Boulevard are quite congested. The side ramp connecting Hiawatha Boulevard



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to Park Street has already been built to alleviate traffic congestions at the intersection. The remainder of the project is under design. The problem at this location is complicated by the fact that the highway is crossing over the New York Central Railroad Spur, which itself is already on a fill approximately 11 feet high, requiring fills for the highway up to 40 feet in height.

Figure No. 11 is a profile of the main line from just north of Hiawatha Boulevard to Park Street, showing the high fills necessary to cross over the New York Central Railroad Spur. The existing Beartrap Creek flowing through the area is to be relocated next to the Railroad, to permit continuous embankment north of the Railroad fill. The soft foundation material is about 50 feet deep, and consists of shallow dump fills over marl and silt and clay, with some Solvay sludge south of the Railroad. The design is based on using sand drains in stabilizing the foundation. Due to the high fills involved, stabilizing side and end berms are also necessary to obtain shear stability. As you notice from the profile, the toes of the end berms were kept some distance away from the toes of the Railroad fill. This was done to insure that there be no settlement in the Railroad fill itself, as the result of constructing the approach fills on either side.

Figure No. 12 shows a continuation of the foundation profile along the main line north of Park Street. The existing Syracuse-Mattydale project, already built, starts just beyond the limit of the slide. Presently, this project is connected to Park Street with a temporary service road, the surface of which is just above the swamp level. To permit crossing over Park Street, the approach fill has to be raised to a height of approximately 22 feet. There will be involved the excavation of muck for widening, the spreading out of the existing temporary fill and leveling the area, placing a drainage blanket, and then driving the sand drains. These sand drains will be carried to Station 42+50. Beyond that point, the fill is shallow enough so that a surcharge height alone above final grade will be sufficient to give the necessary settlement adjustment during construction.

Figure No. 13 shows the profile and sections for the exit ramp over Onondaga Lake Parkway. The soft foundation soil is marl over silt and clay some 40 feet thick in the area away from the bridge, becoming shallower as the bridge location is approached. In the deeper areas, aided by the low fills, a surcharge is needed to obtain settlement adjustment. Within the limits of this Bridge structure, due to the shallower depth of soft material, complete excavation was considered more economical.



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## WEST SHORE DEVELOPMENT

On July 19, 1955 a slide occurred between Station 168 + 00 and 170 + 00. The earth mass was about 300 feet long, 48 feet wide, and nine feet high. Maximum settlement was about ten feet. Partial blocking of the creek occurred, but the creek soon washed out the sludge block and discharge flow returned to normal.

The soil profile at Station 170 + 00 consists of ten feet of muck, twenty feet of marl, forty feet of silt and clay overlying sand and silt. It is noteworthy that the failure occurred where the marl and silt and clay layers were thickest and deepest as shown on the accompanying profile.

On July 21 and 22, the contractor built a stabilizing berm. The berm was 300 feet long, twenty feet wide, and four feet thick. Reconstruction of the embankment was again attempted on July 22, 1955. It was to a height about one foot above finished pavement grade when it failed. The new fill dropped about 2½ feet toward the creek.

No further work was done in this area with the exception of providing drainage and filling in of small areas.

On July 22, 1955 it was concluded to attempt to rebuild the embankment in the slide area to one foot above finished grade at a time later in the year.

On September 15, 1955 it was suggested that fill could be placed in the slide area. A slow rate of construction, eight inches every three days, and utilization of light weight hauling equipment so as to minimize vibration and impact was recommended to reduce the tendency for further shearing displacement.

On October 1, 1955 the surcharge was completed to 1.5 feet above grade and let stand until the following spring. In the spring, it was decided to remove the surcharge and proceed with construction since only minor settlements were being observed at that time.

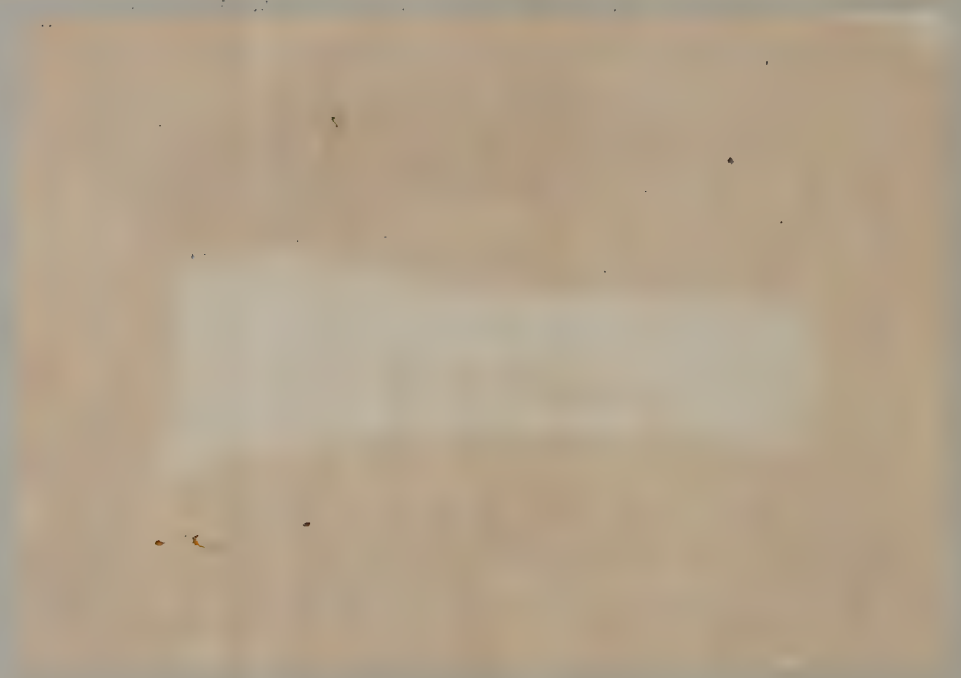
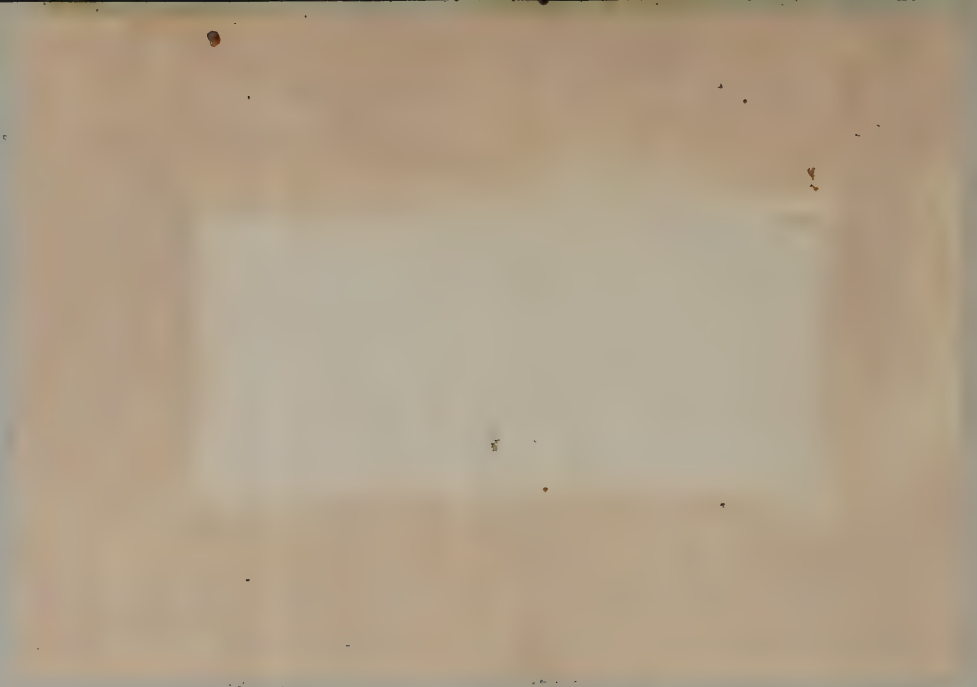
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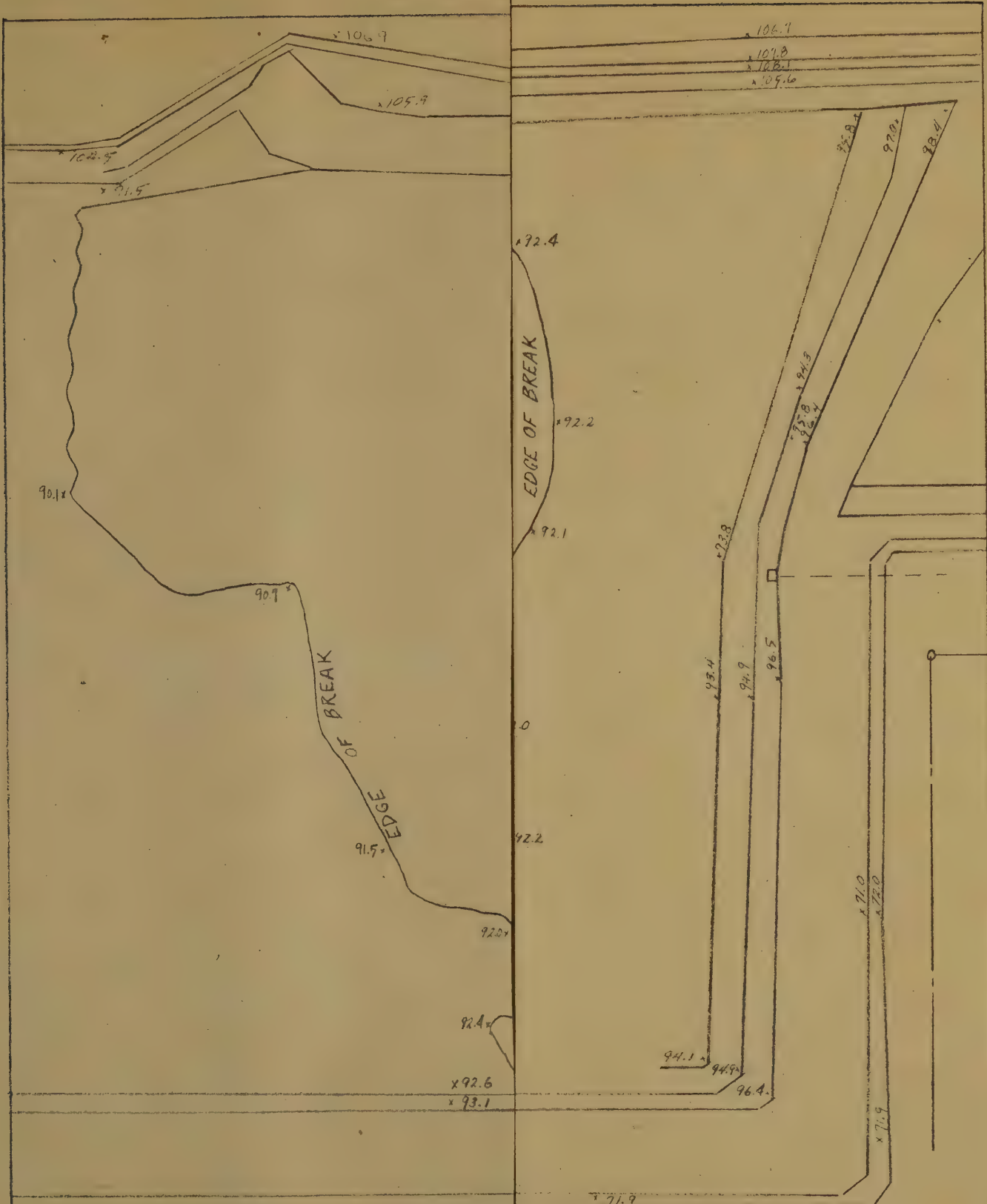








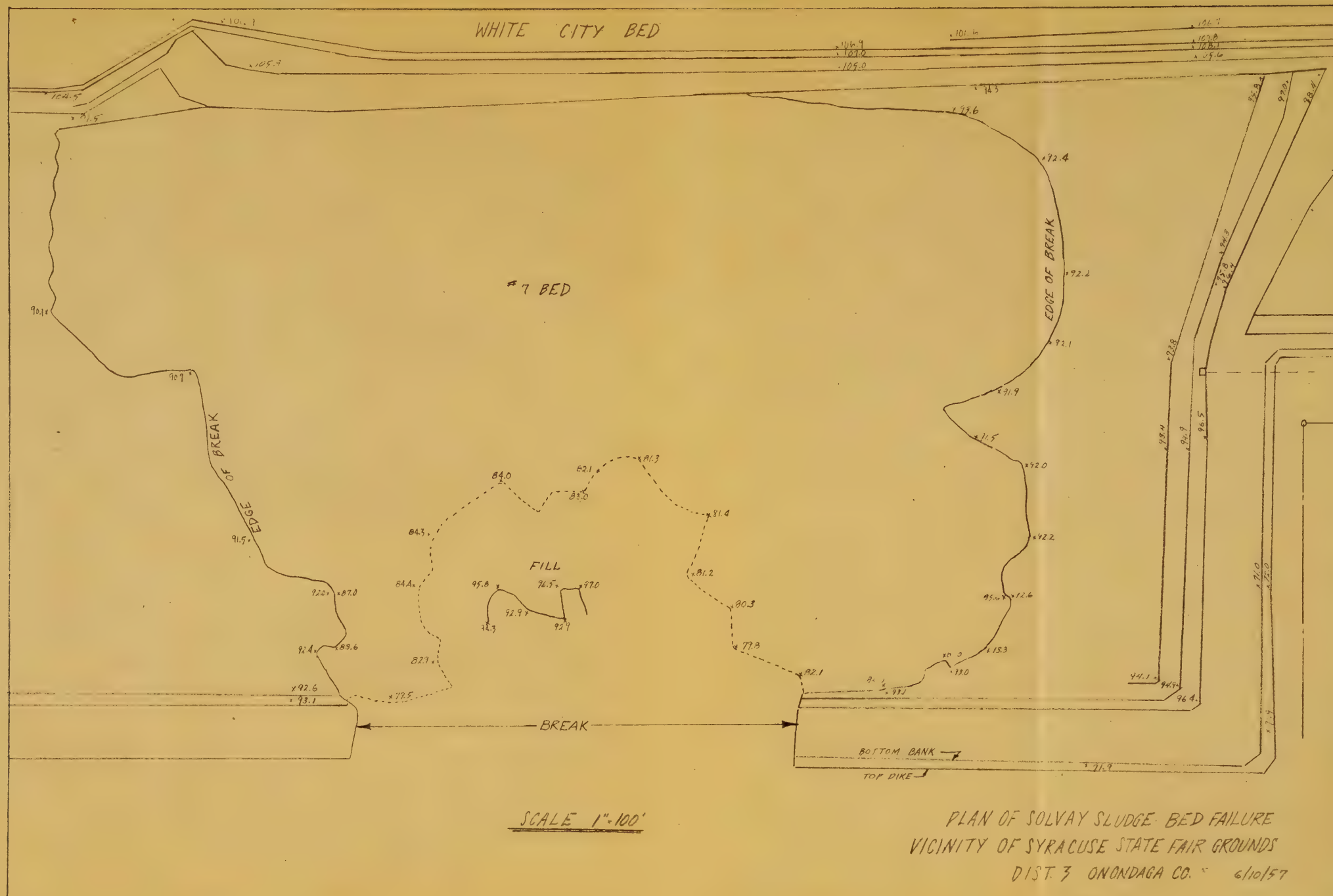




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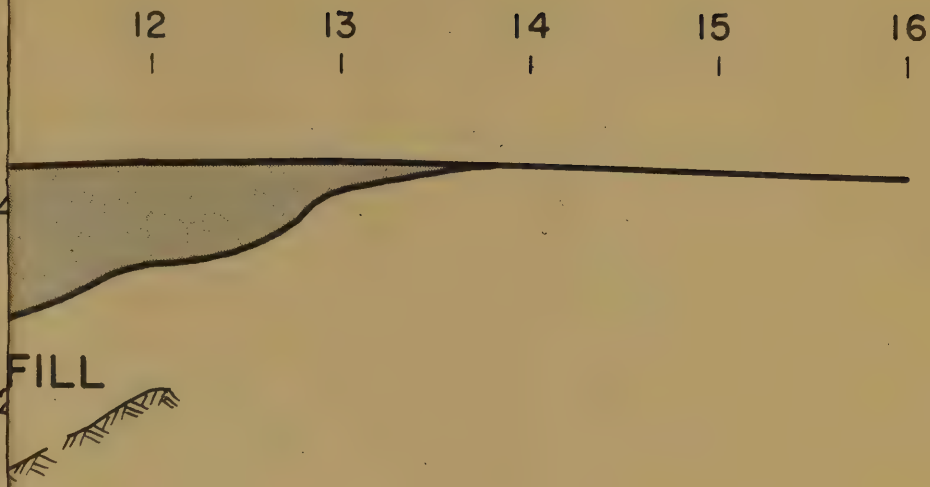








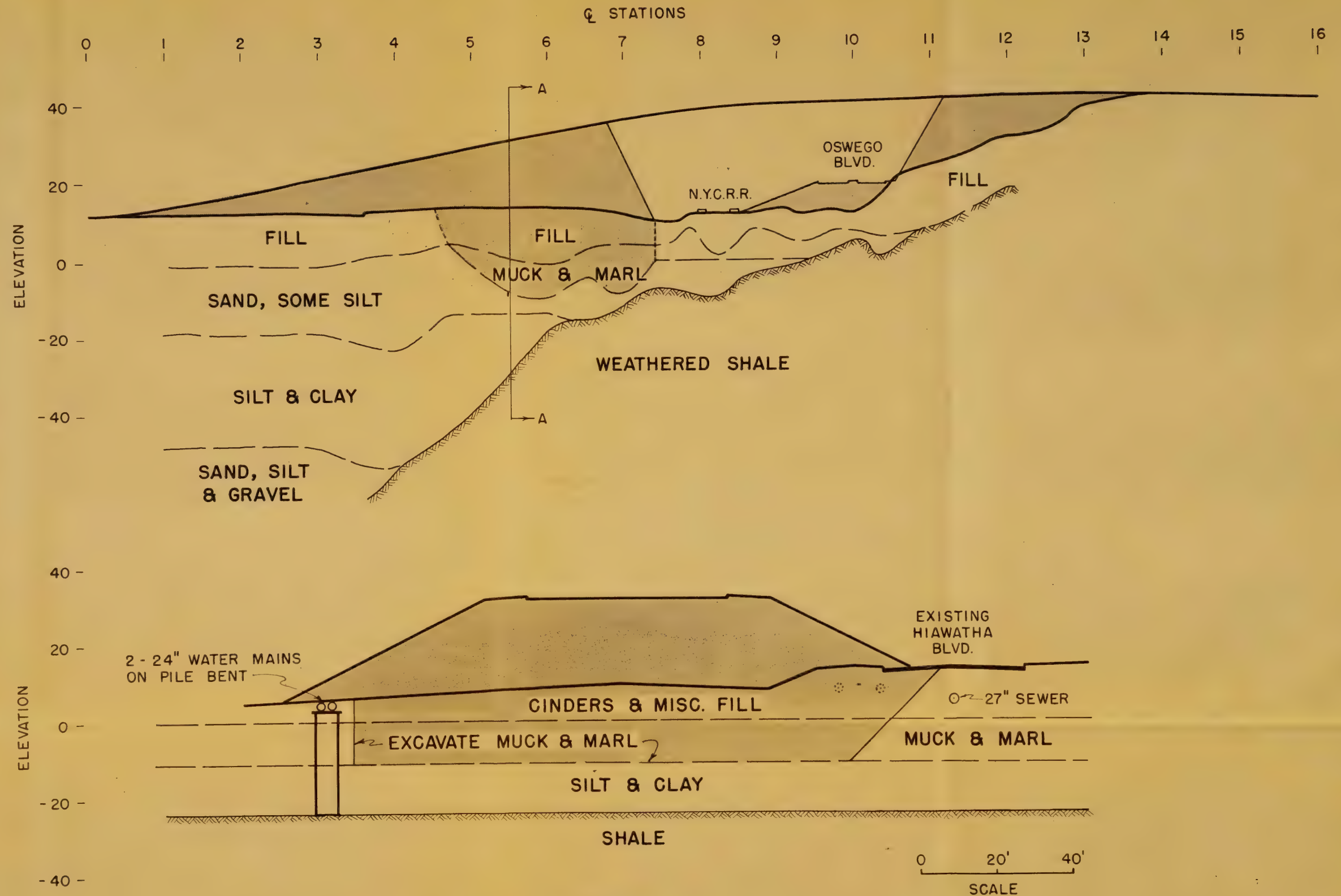
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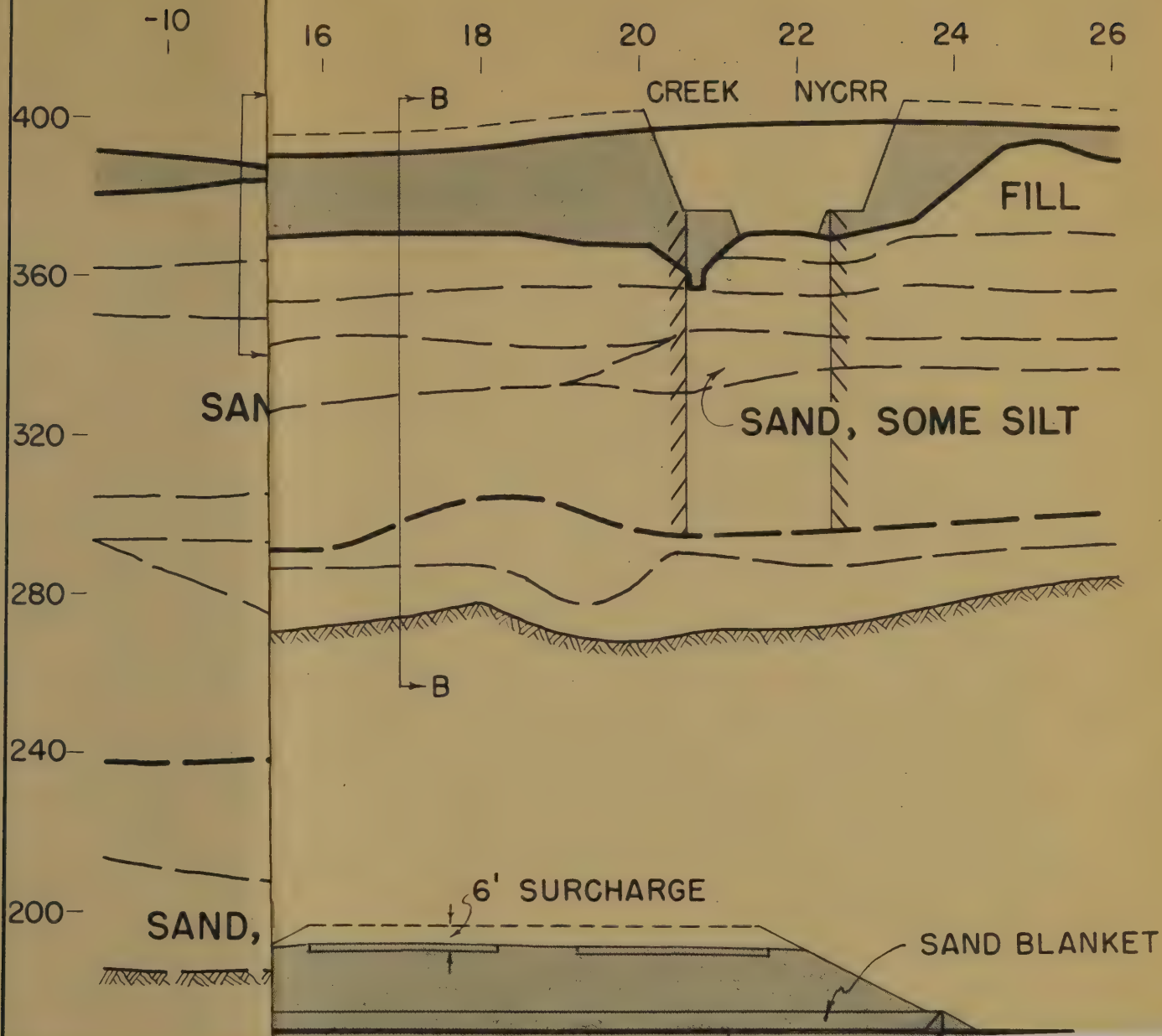


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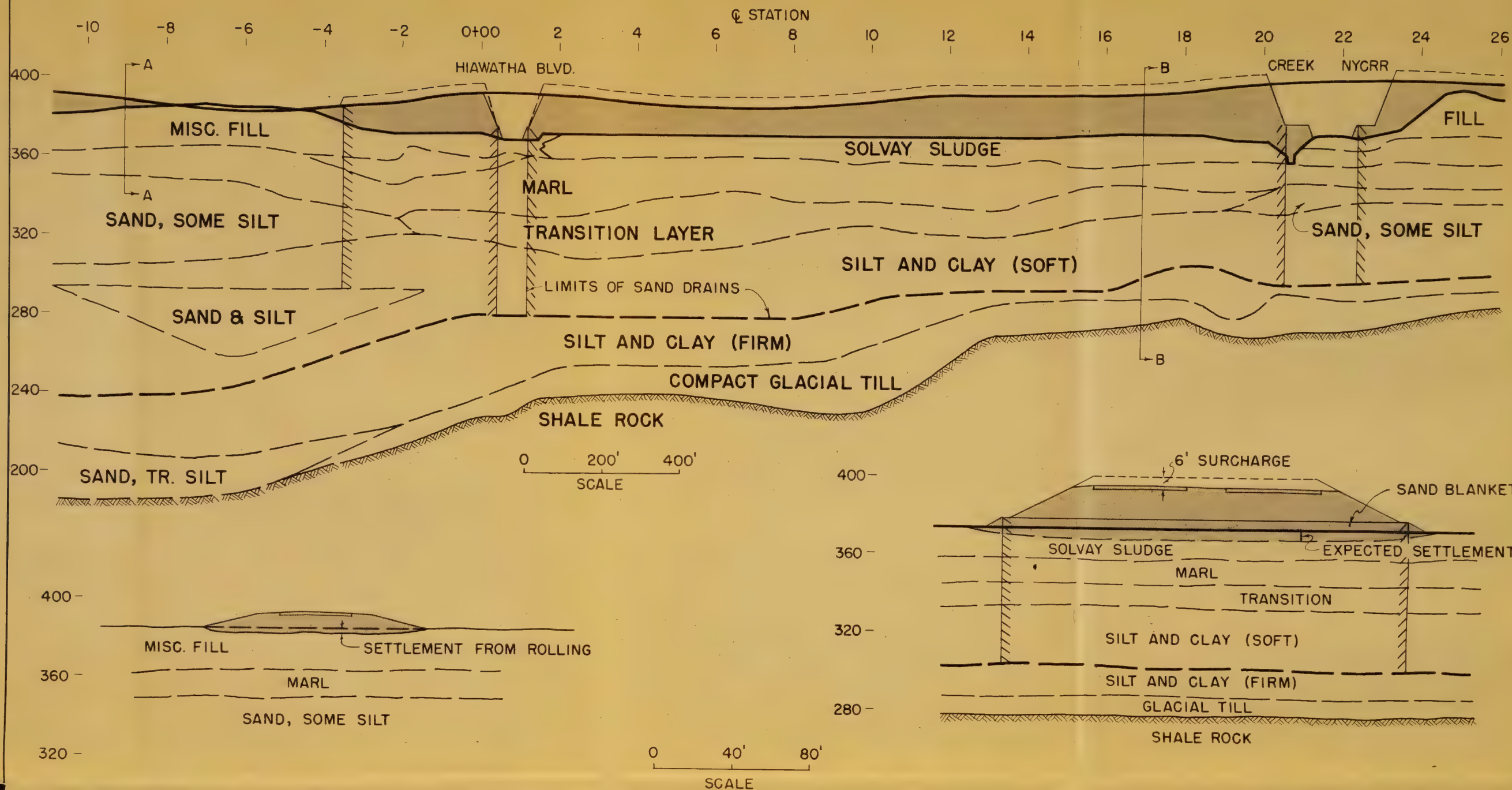












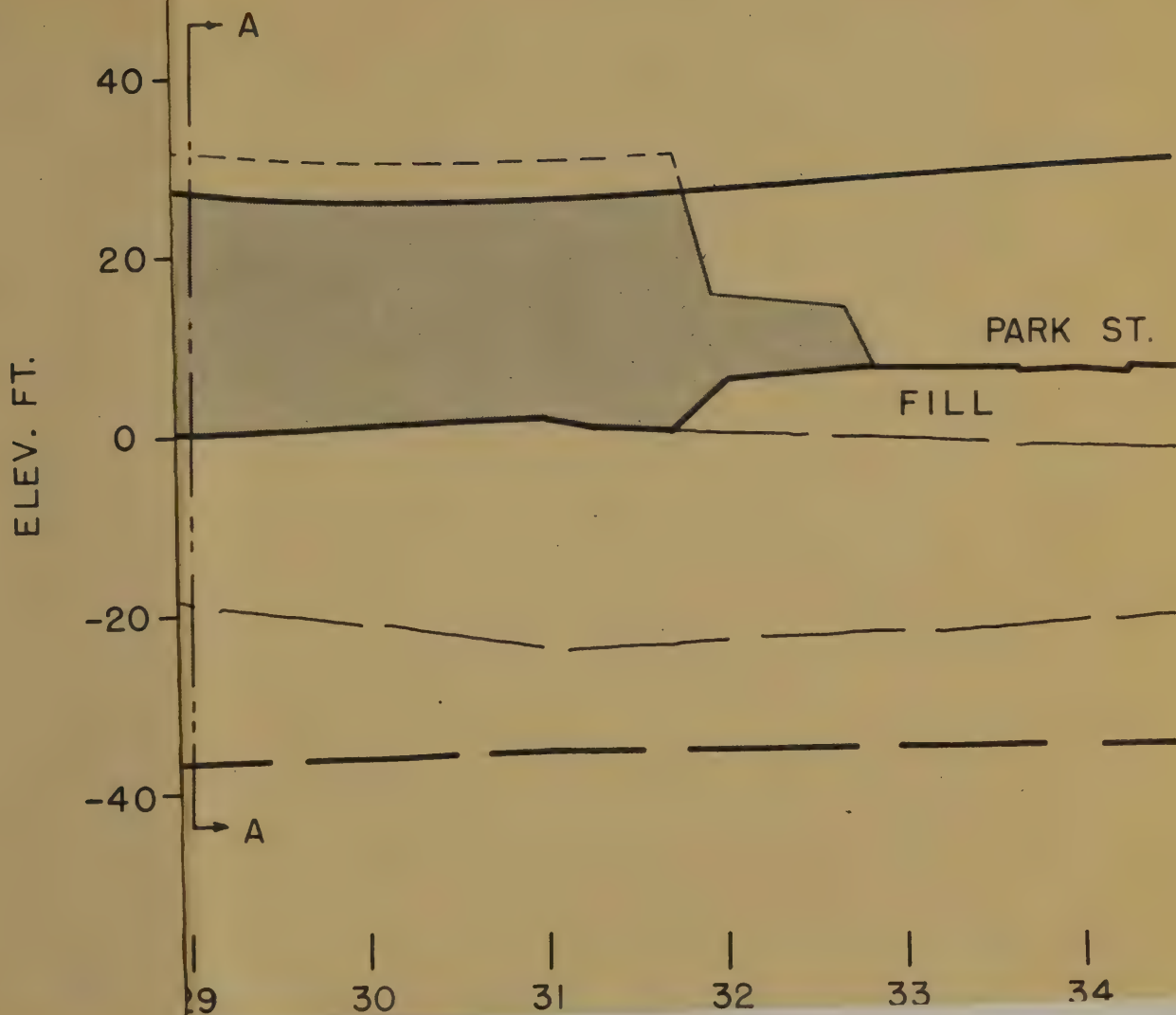
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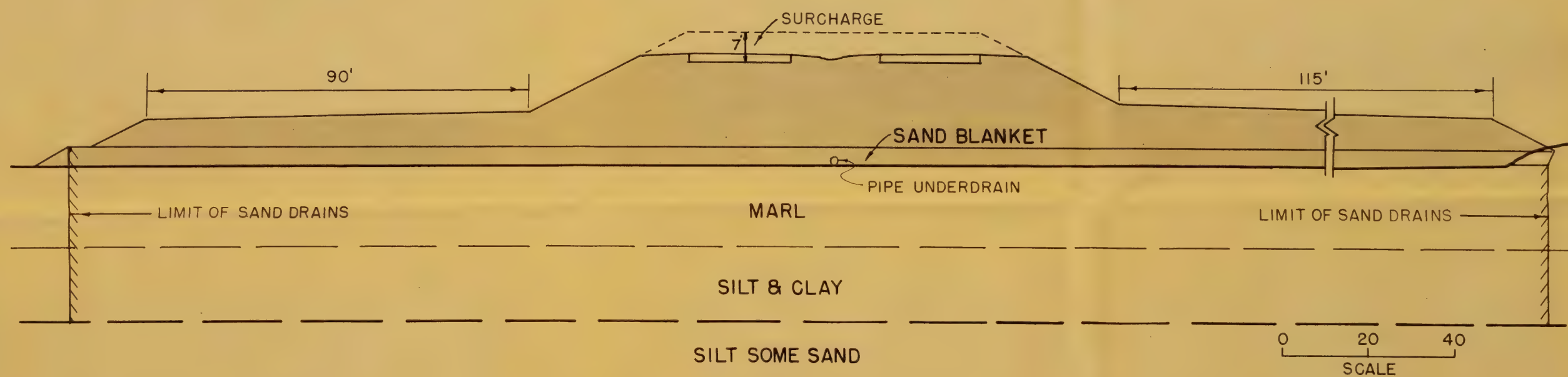
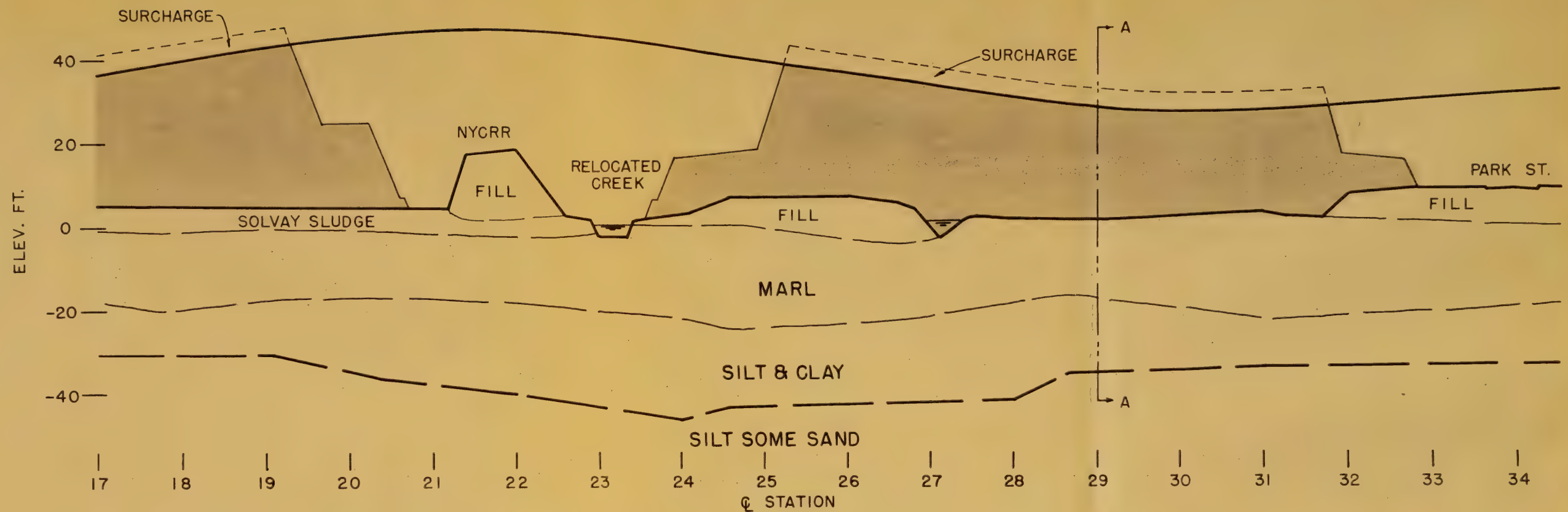








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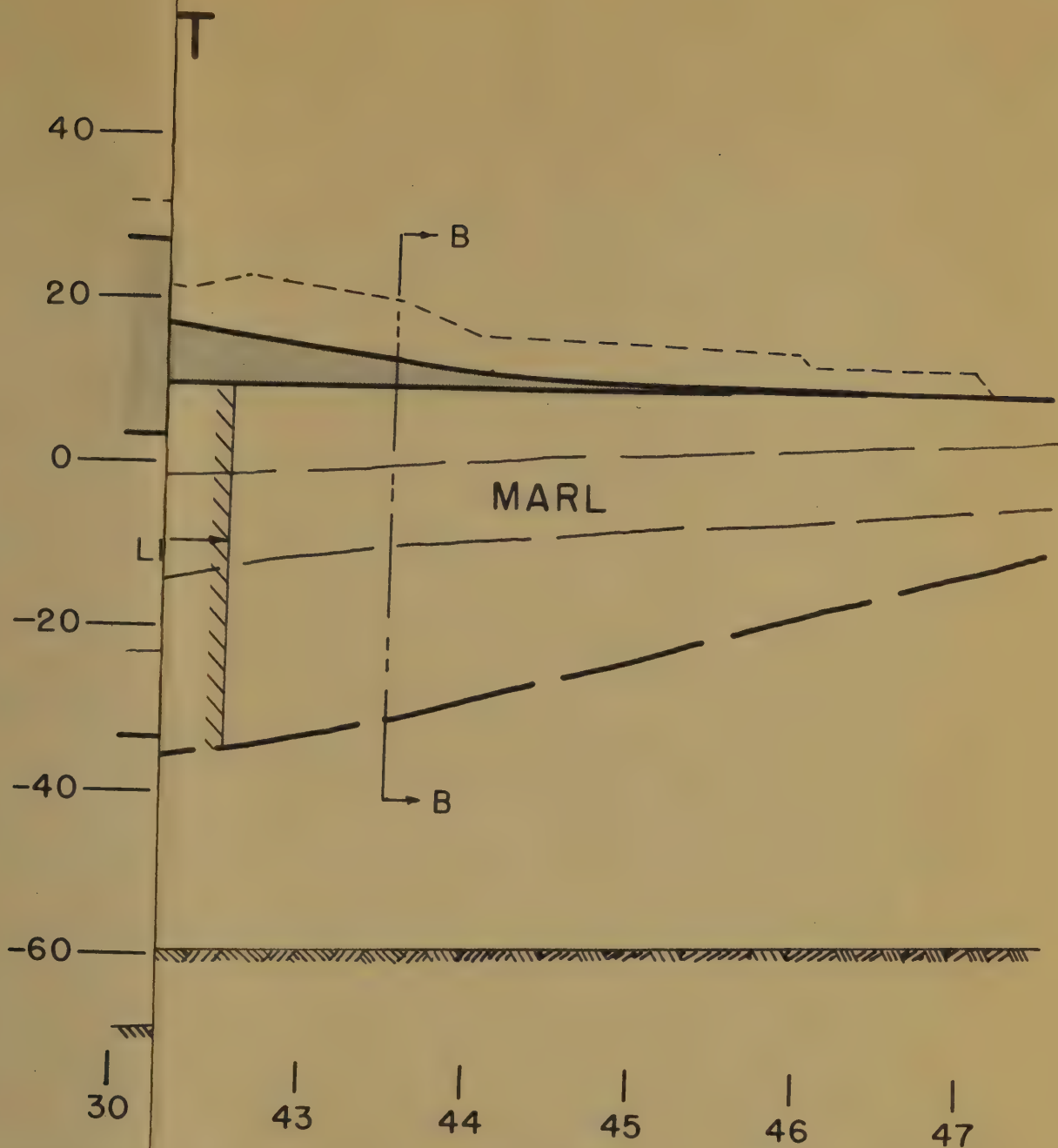


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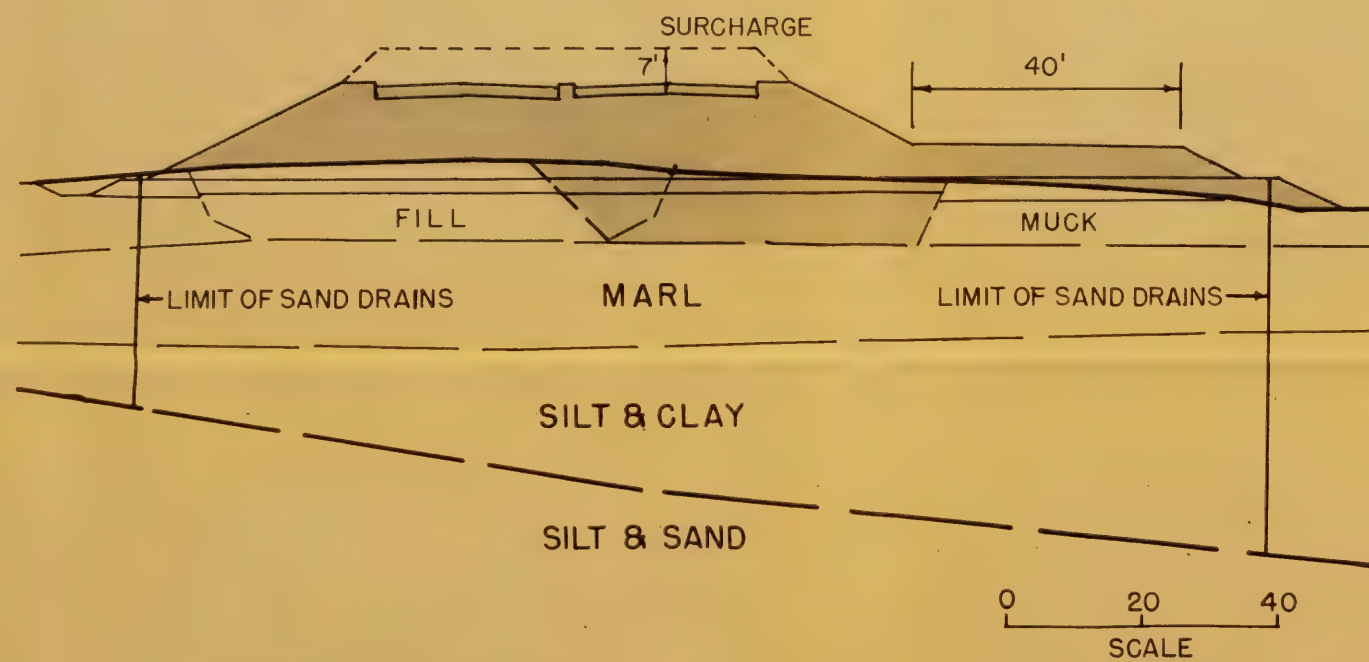
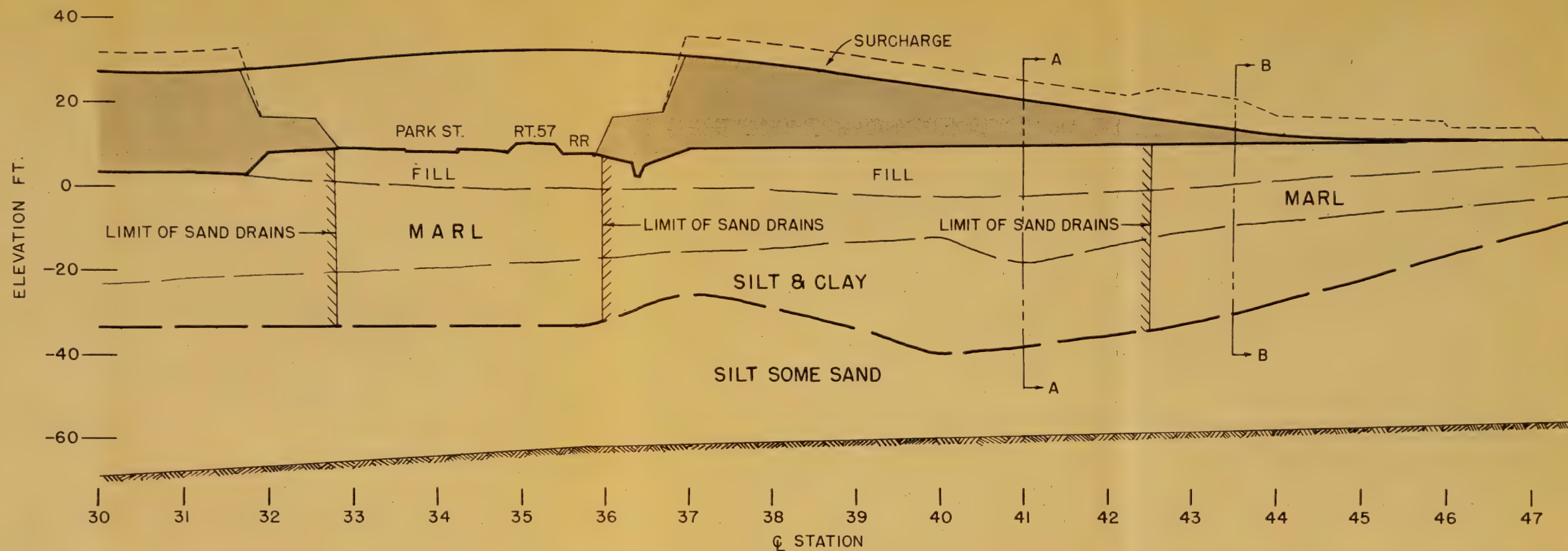
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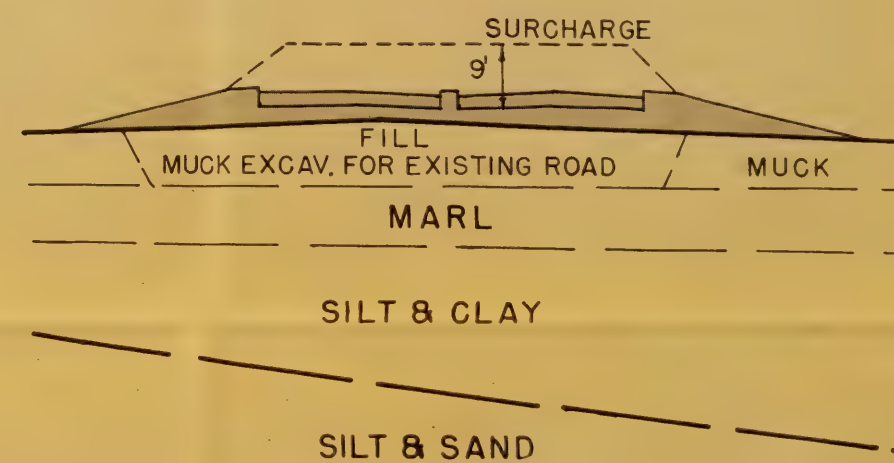




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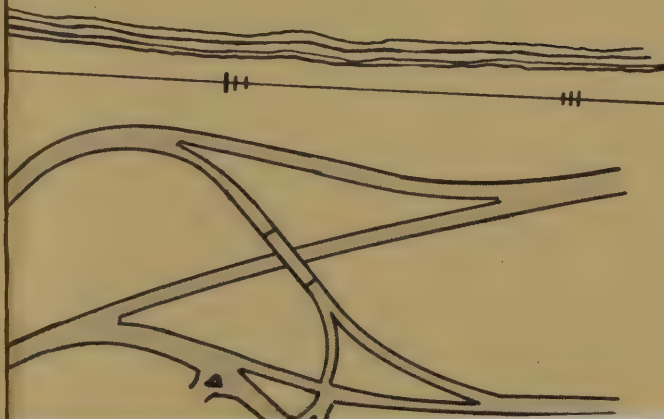


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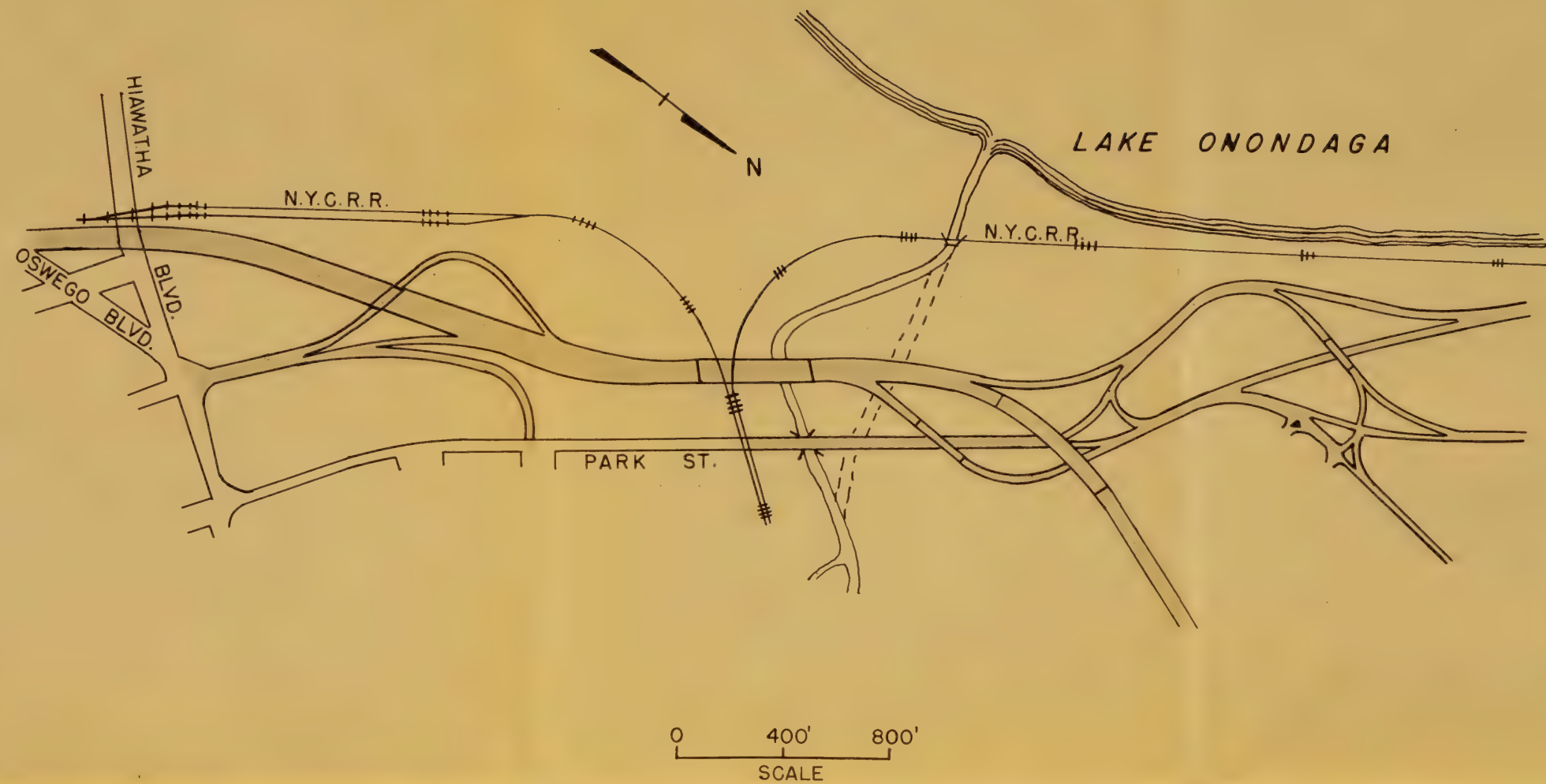
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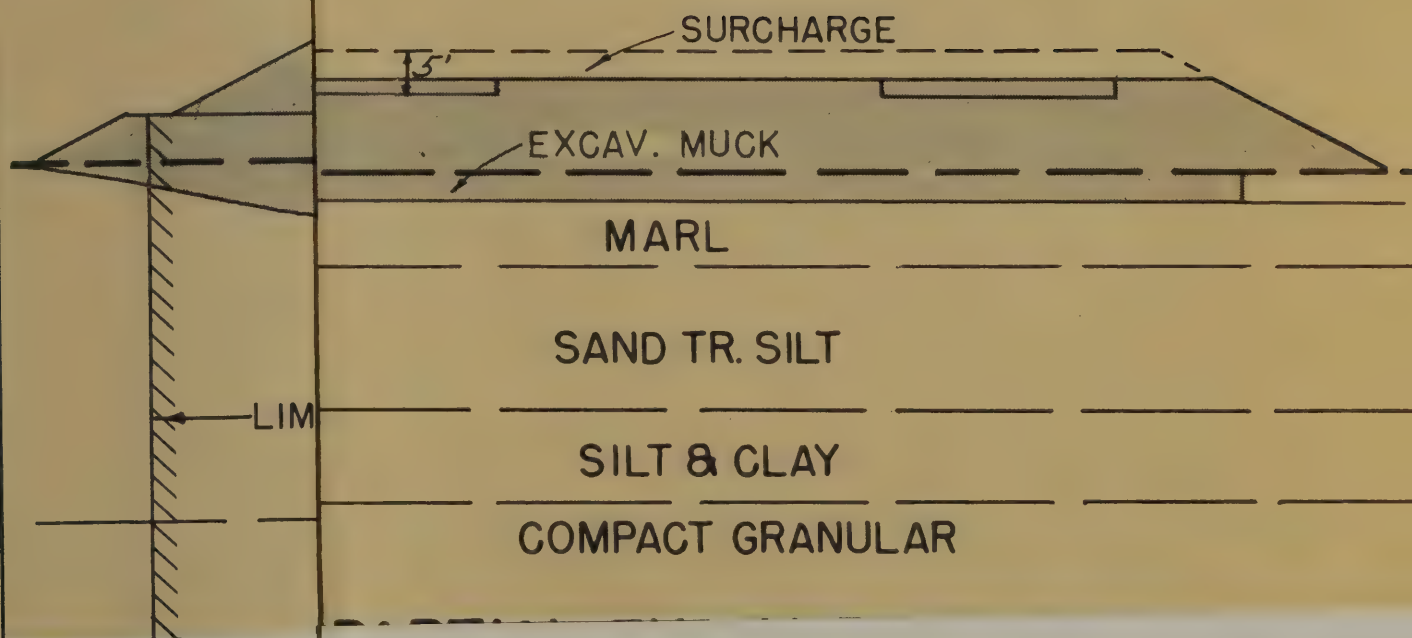


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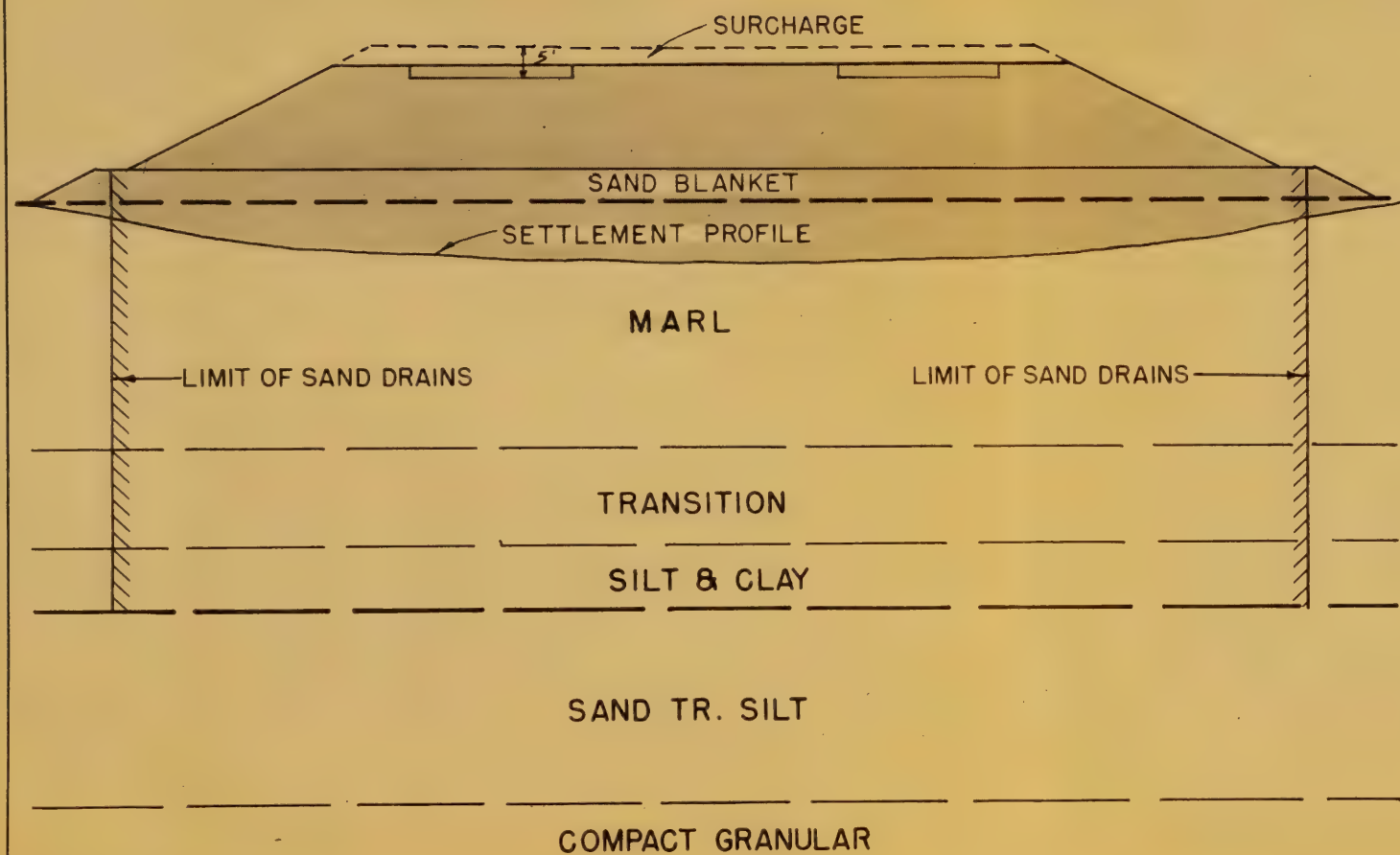




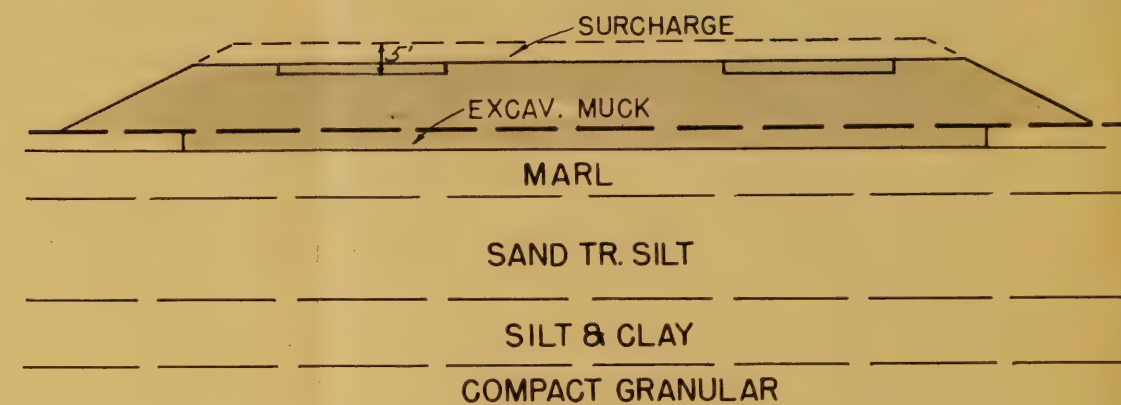




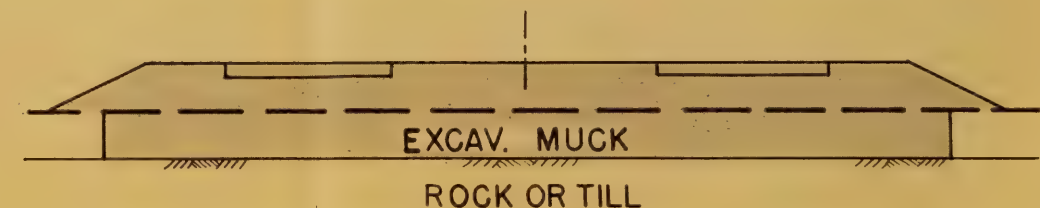
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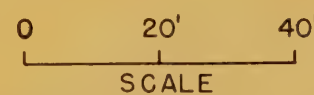
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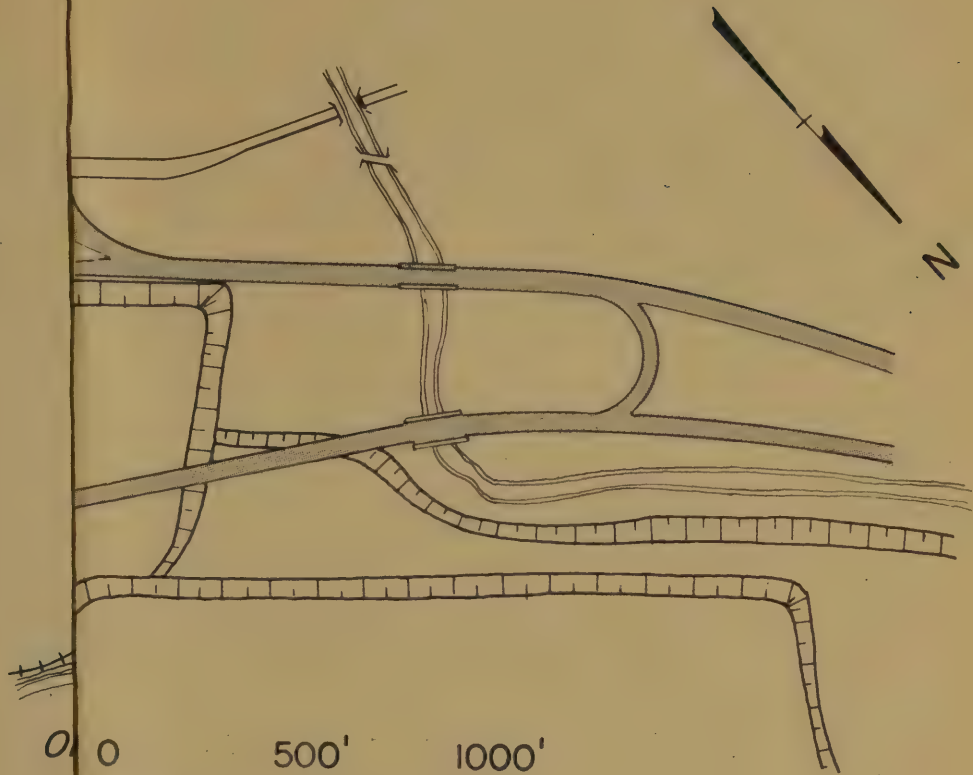
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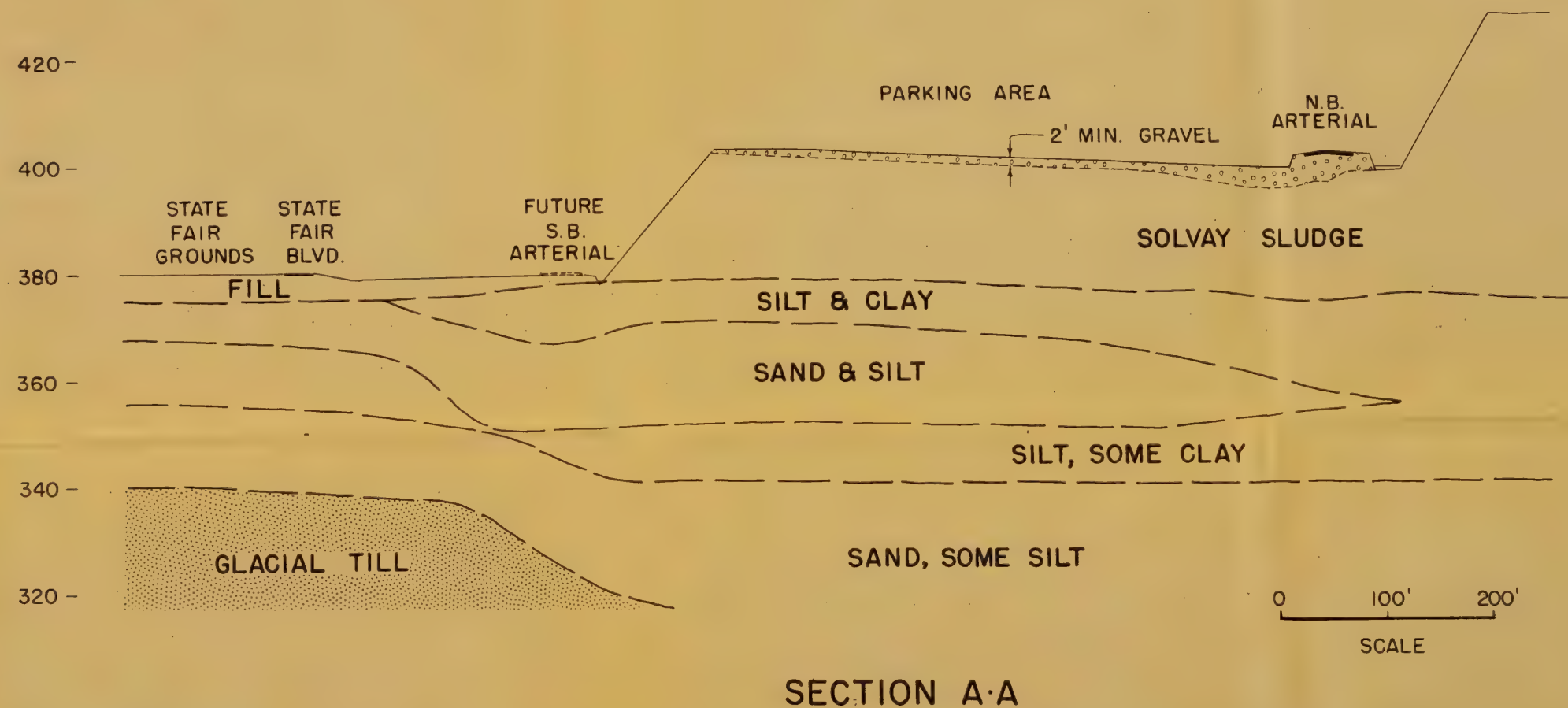
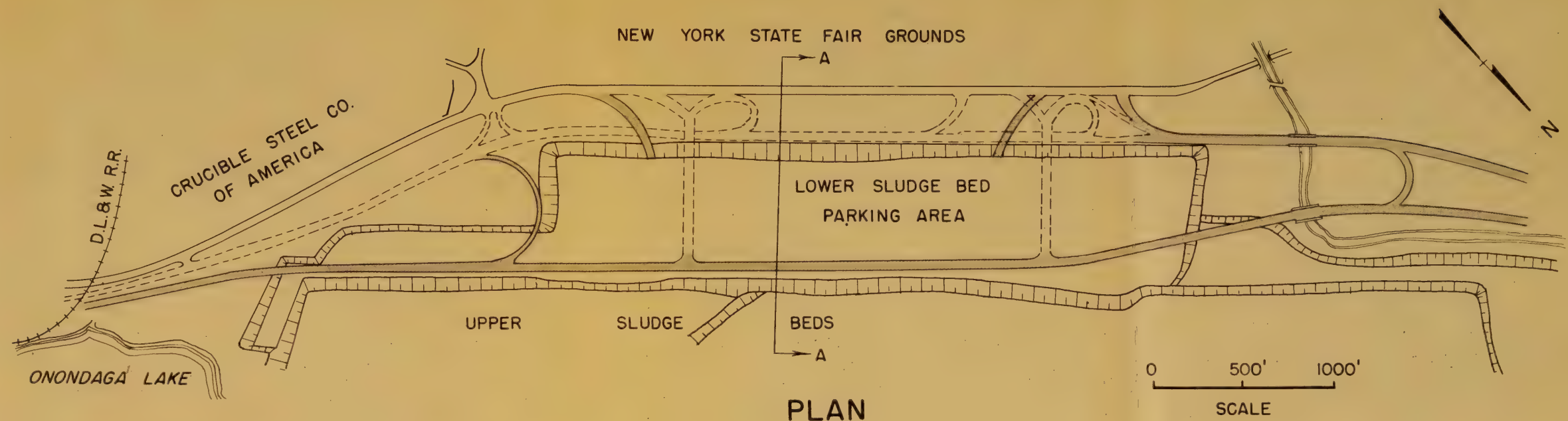


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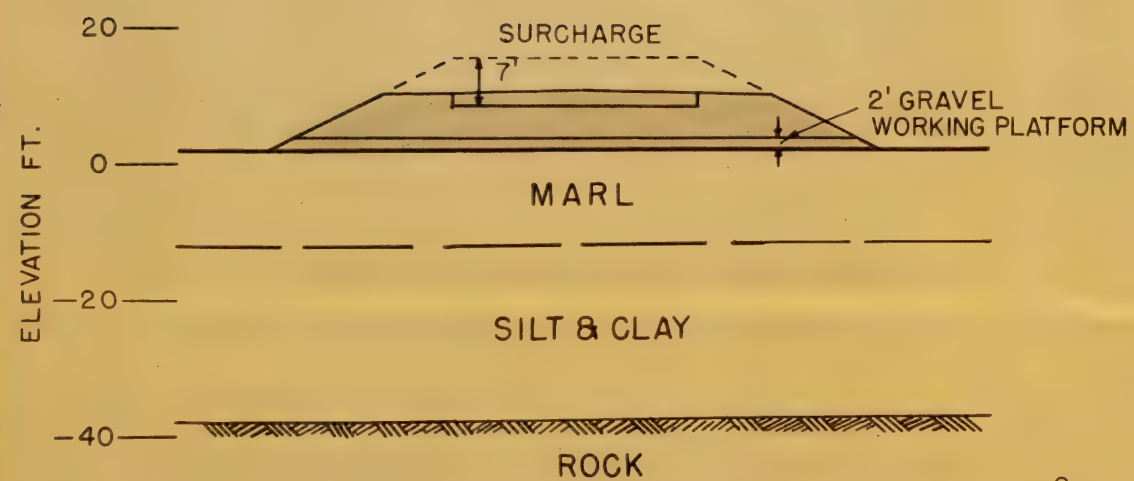
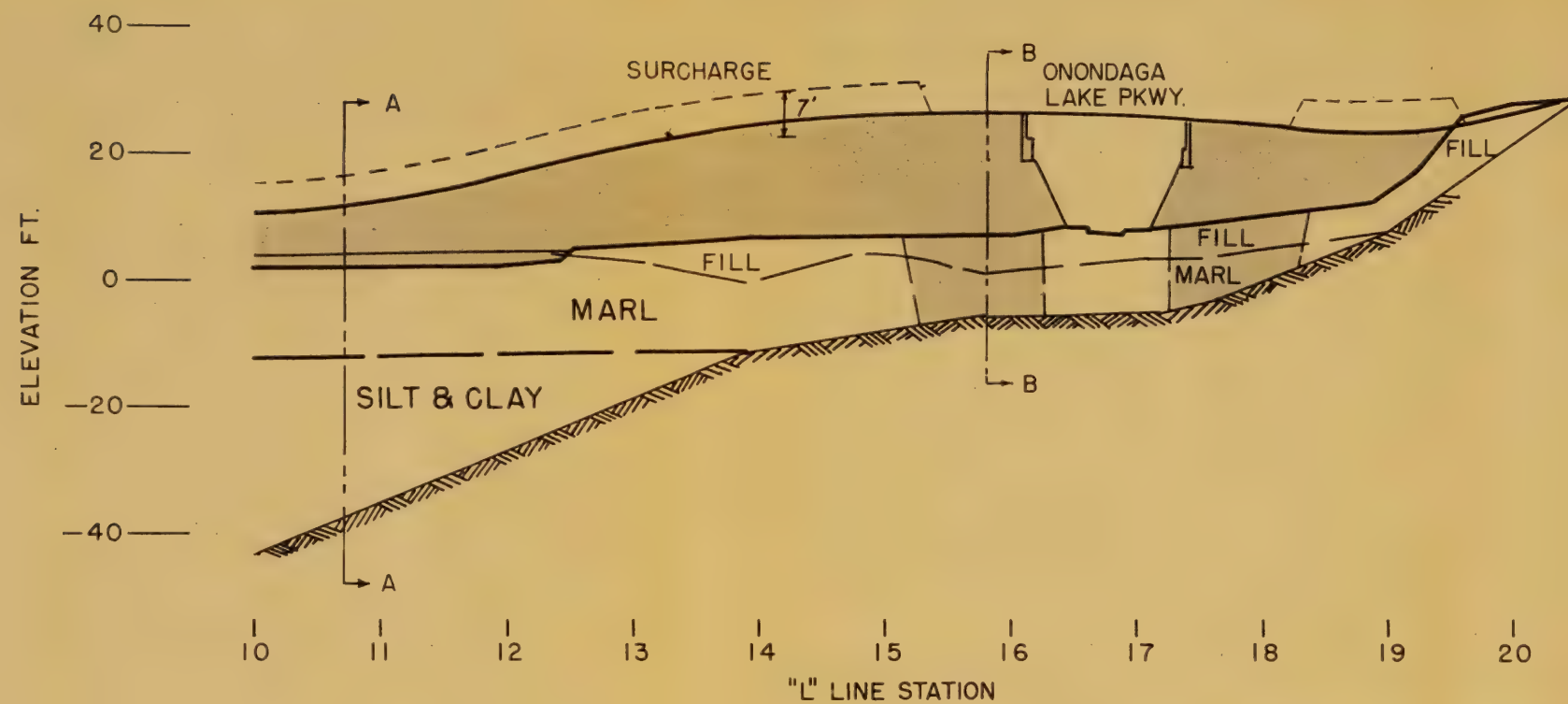


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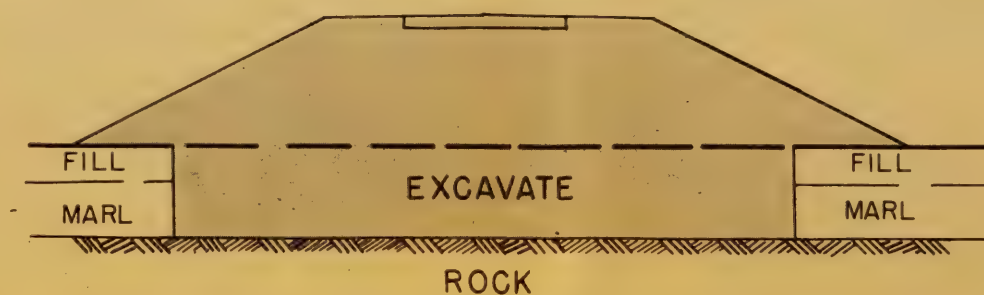




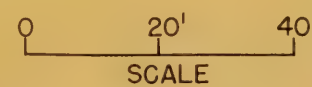
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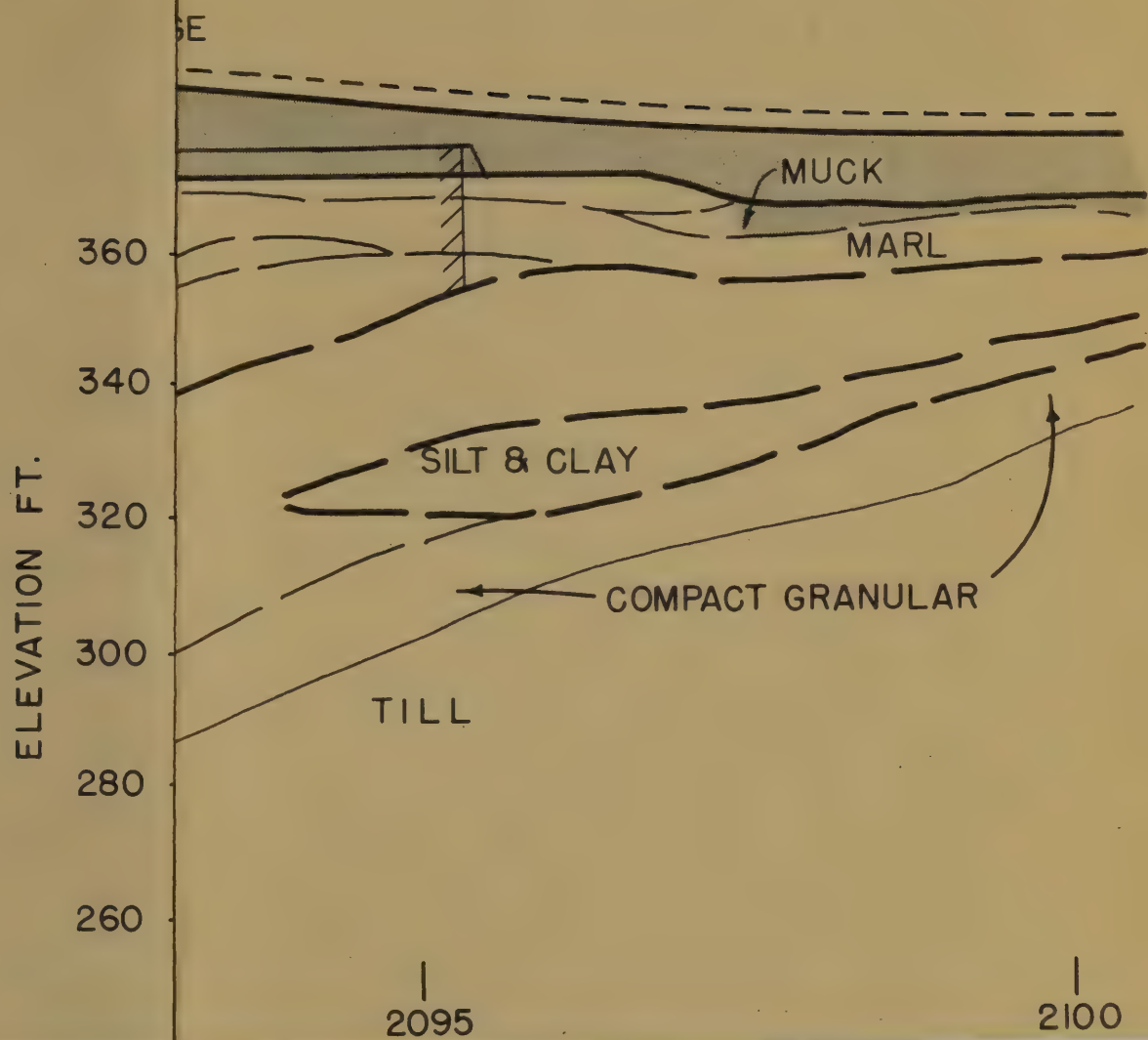


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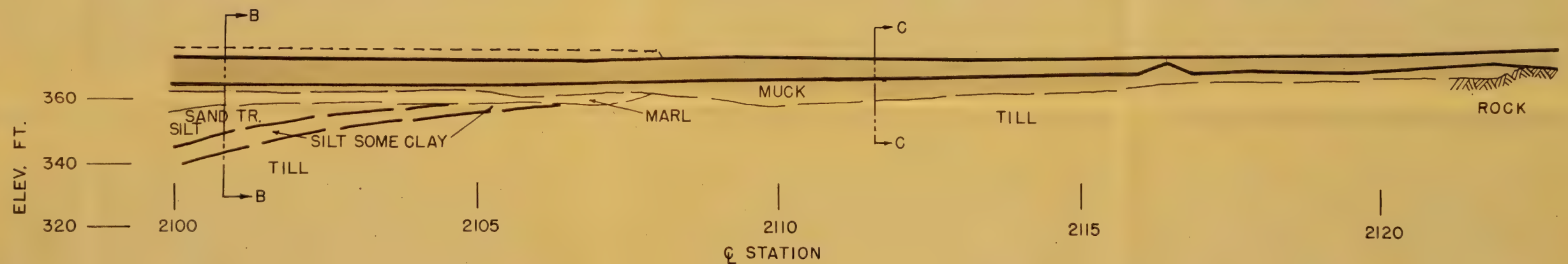
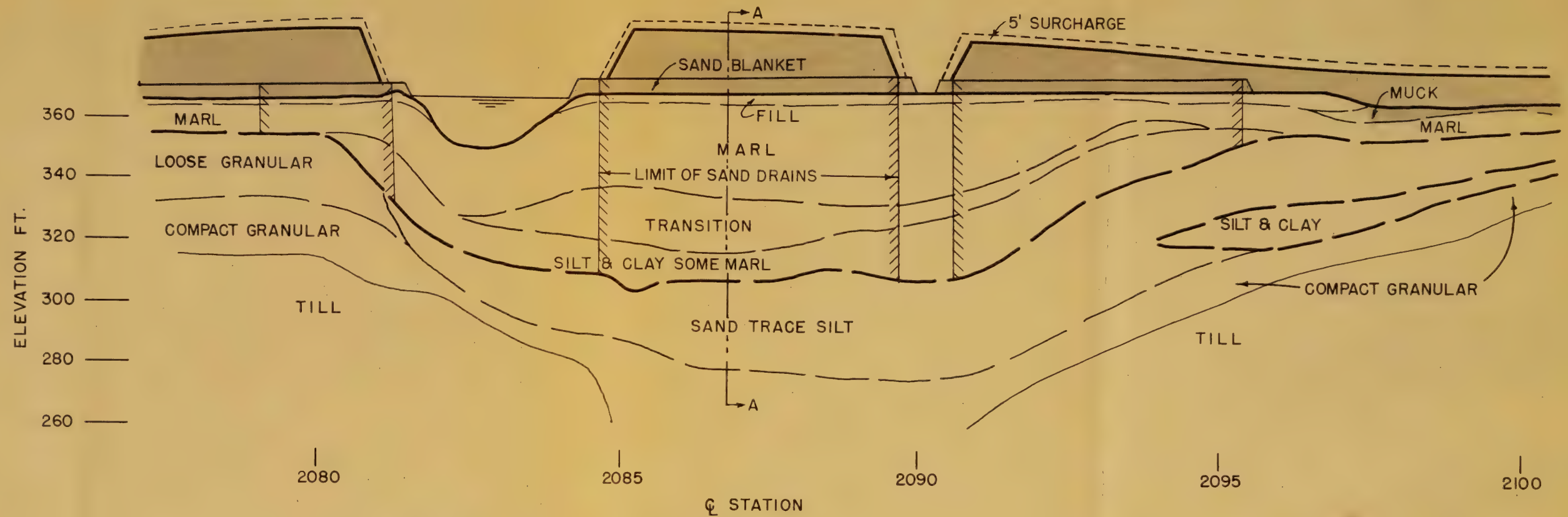








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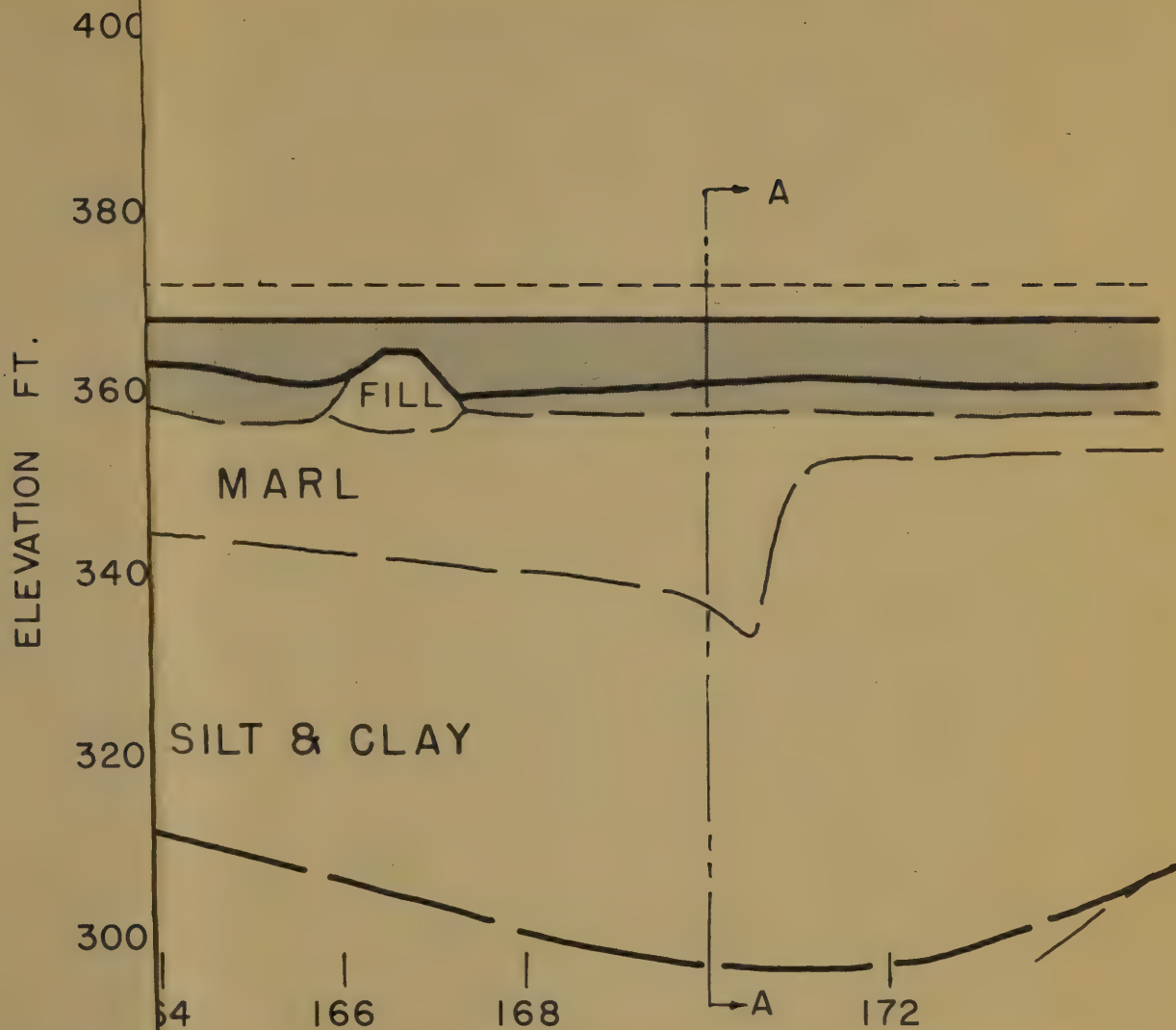


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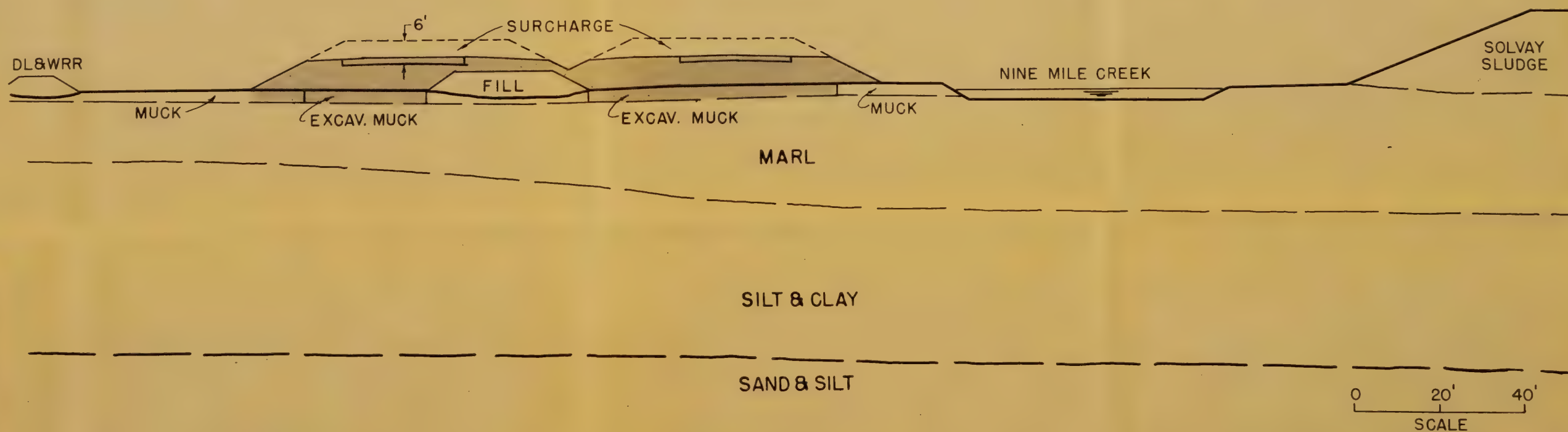
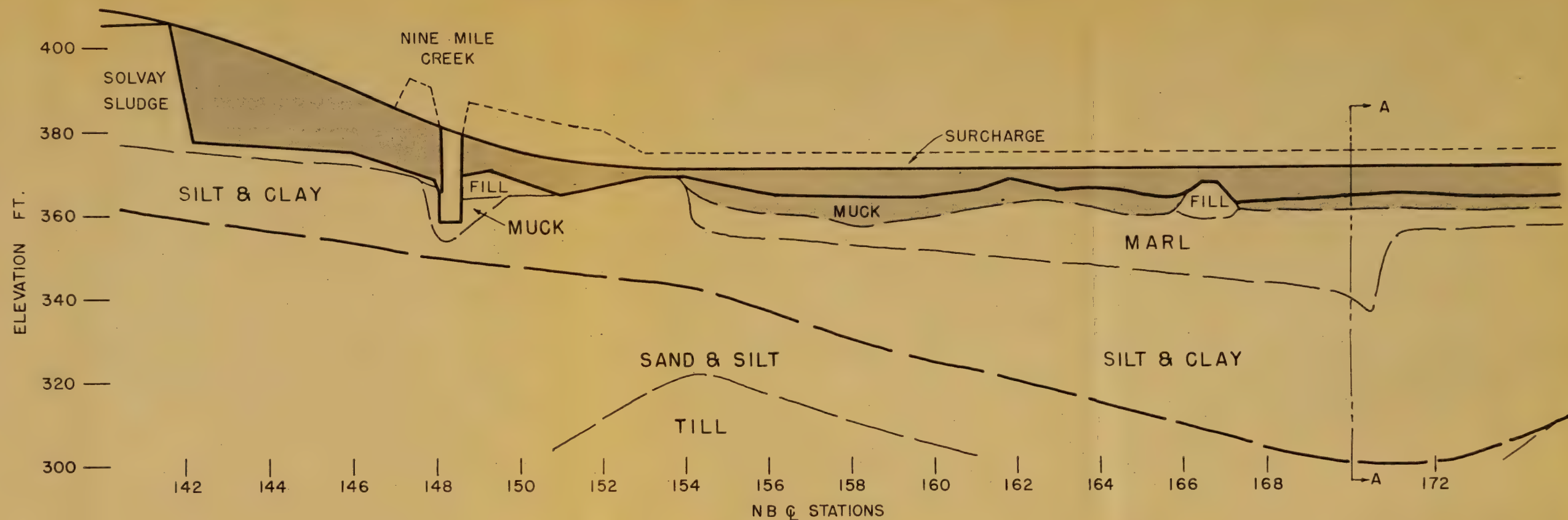
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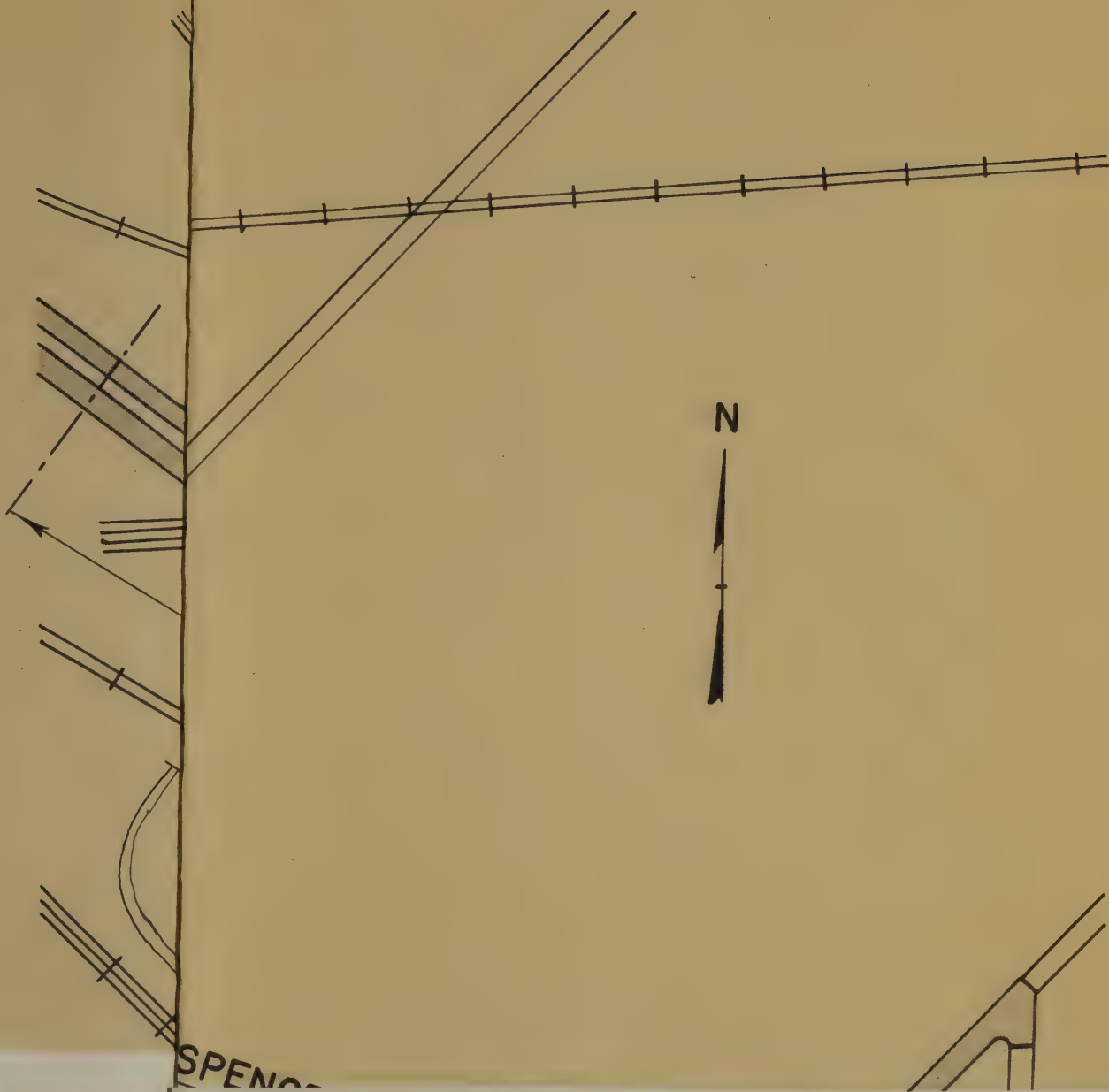
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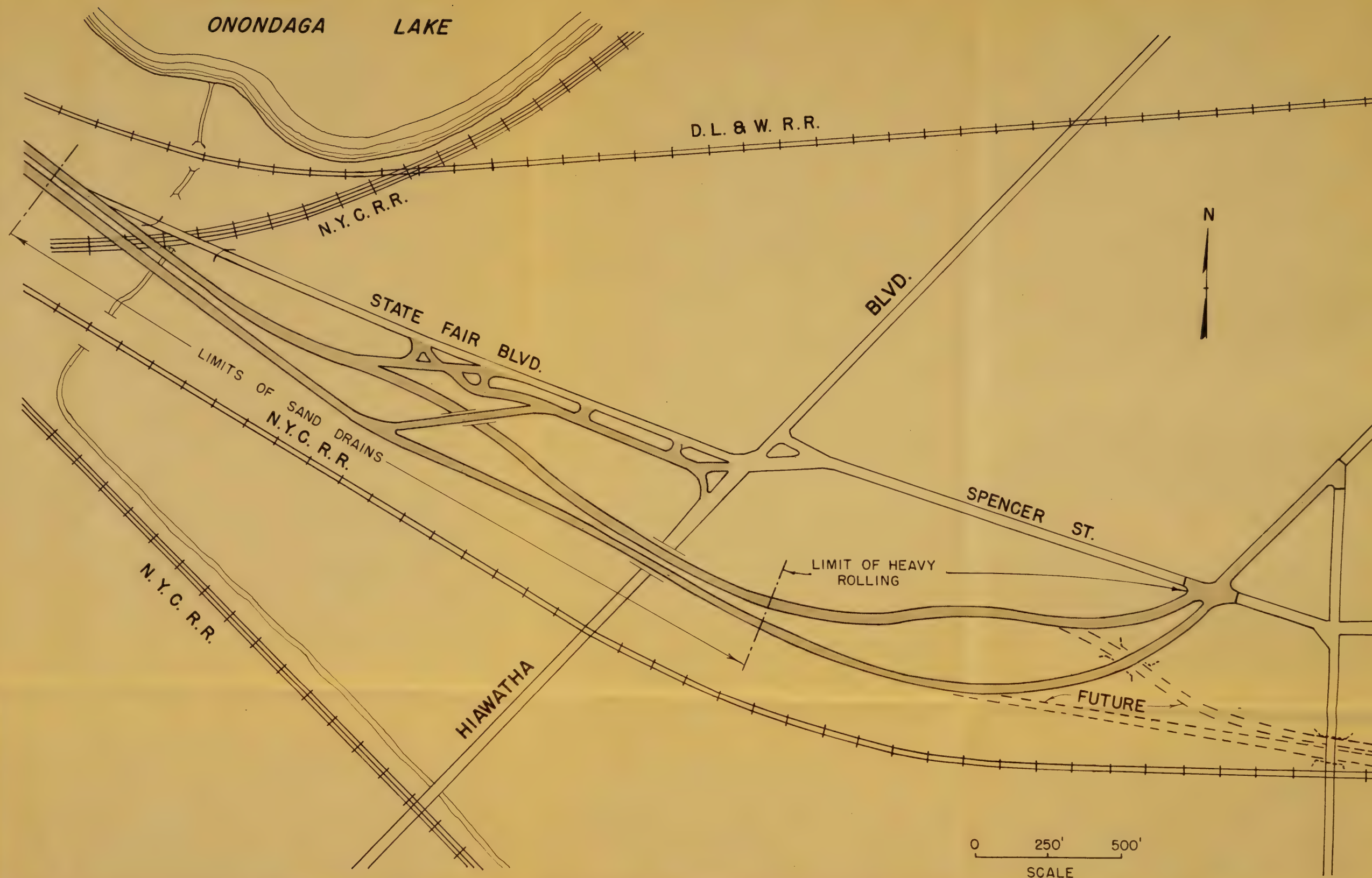


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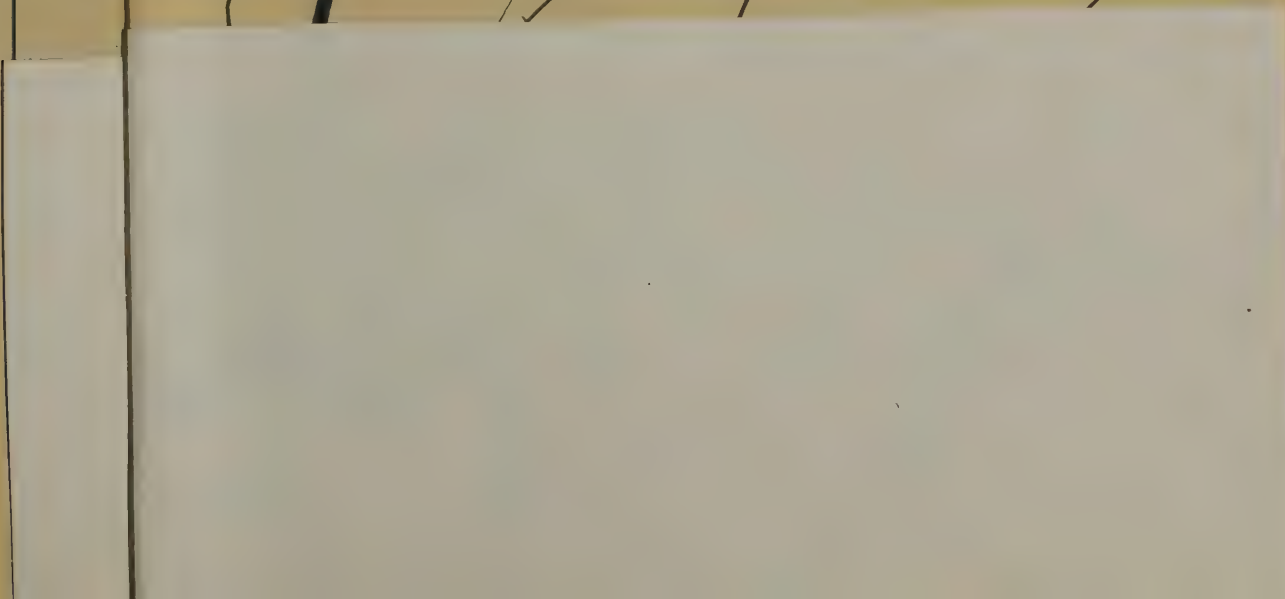
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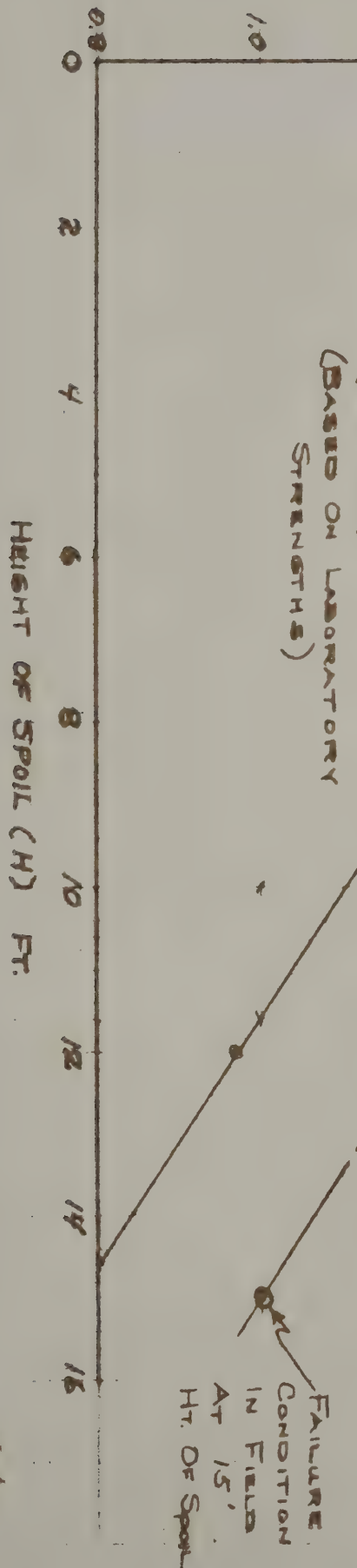
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## STRENGTH ASSUMPTIONS

SPOIL BANK  
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 SUBSOIL  
 $q_u = 2000 \text{ PSF}$



## SAFETY FACTOR



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# FACTOR OF SAFETY

WATER SURFACE 0 20 40 60 80 100

(D<sub>F</sub>) DEPTH OF PENETRATION OF ROCK FILL FROM SURFACE

Muck  $\phi = 0, c = 200, \gamma = 80, \gamma' = 40$   
 Clay  $\phi = 0, c = 400 \text{ or } 500, \gamma' = 40$   
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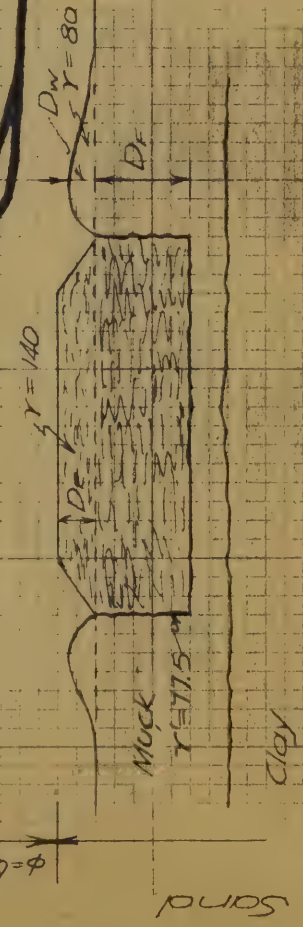
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EST. FILL DENSITY = 140 #/cf  $N_c = 5.7, N_q = 1$   
 MAX. HEIGHT OF MUD WAVE = 10'  
 HEIGHT OF ROCK EMBANKMENT ABOVE O.G. = 16.5' = D<sub>F</sub>  
 WATER LINE AT O.G.

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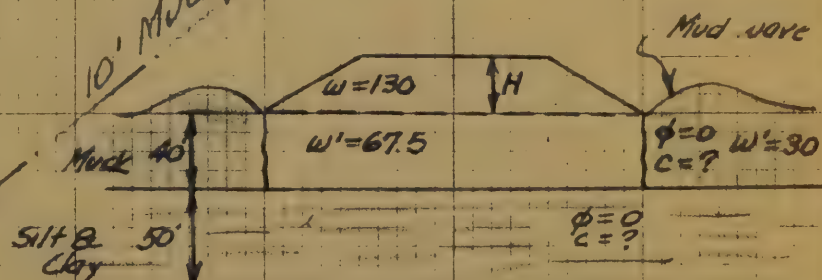
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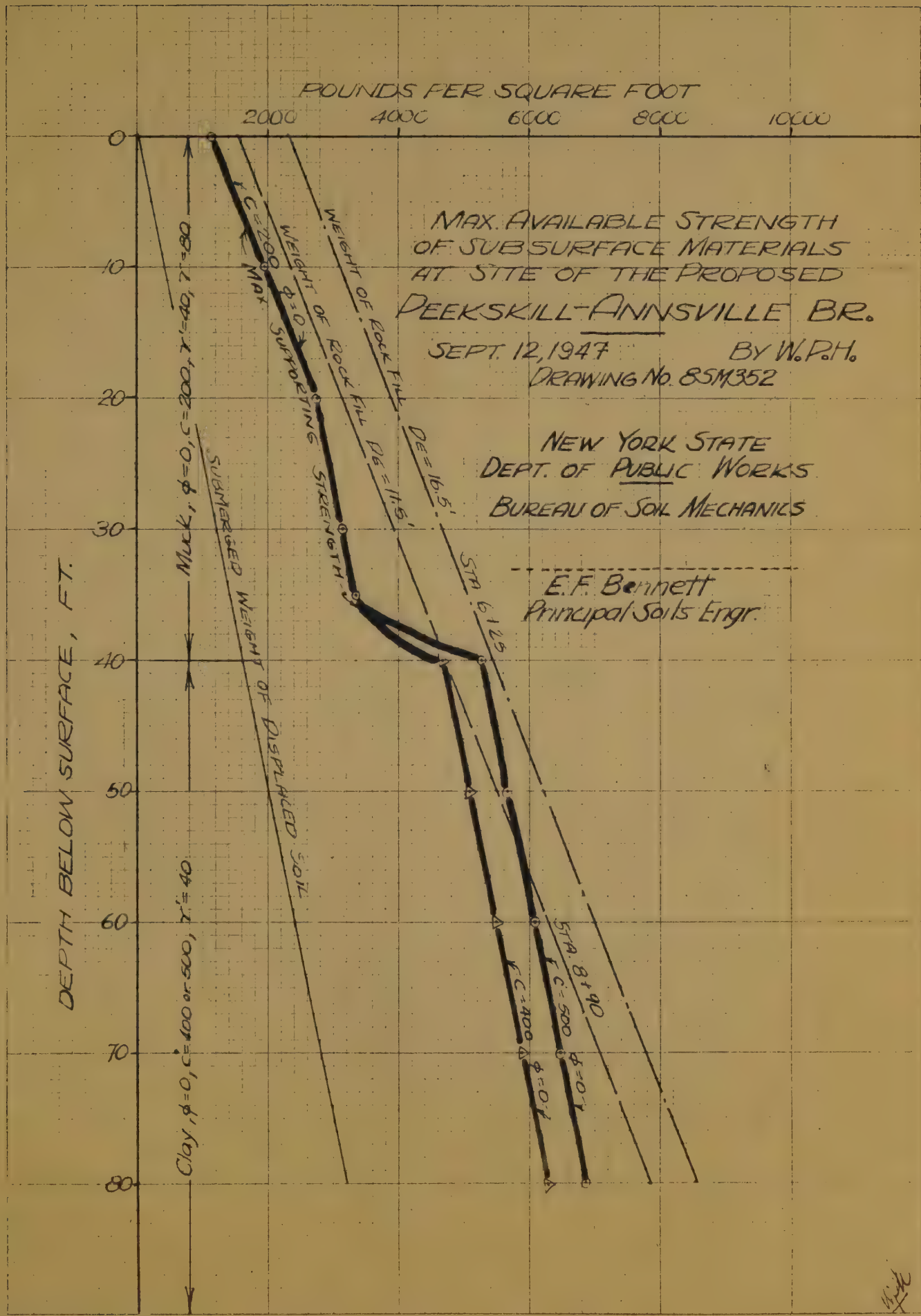
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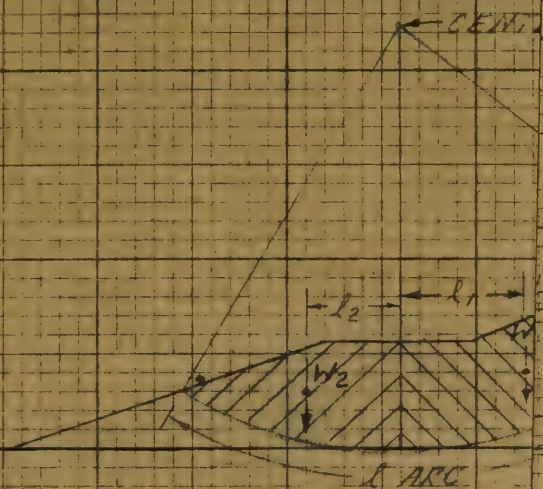


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DESCRIPTION OF CIRCULAR (H)  
STABILITY ANALYSIS METHOD



SECTION USED FOR STABILITY ANALYSIS

1. ASSUME FAILURE PLANE IS CIRCULAR SURFACE WITH ROTATION ABOUT AS SHOWN. THIS APPROXIMATE MAJORITY OF FAILURE SURFACE
2. MOMENT OF FORCE, PASSING THROUGH CENTER OF GRAVITY OF SOIL, BASED ON WEIGHTS OF SOIL, DISTANCE TO CENTER OF TOTAL FAILURE MOMENT =  $W \cdot d$
3. MOMENT OF RESISTING FORCES, RESISTANCE OF SOIL ALONG A  $5\%$  SHEAR STRENGTH IN LBS. ANALYSIS A SECTION ONE FOOT TOTAL RESISTING MOMENT IS
4. FACTOR OF SAFETY FOR STABILITY,  $\frac{\text{MOMENT OF RESISTANCE}}{\text{MOMENT OF FAILURE}}$  WHEN FACTOR OF SAFETY IS 1.0 WE HAVE A FAILURE CONDITION

STRENGTH ASSUMPTIONS

MAKL =  $5\%$  = 220.75F

SPOIL BANK MAKL =  $3\%$  = 150.75F

ESTIMATED CURVE FROM FIELD

STRENGTHS OF SOIL

FAILURE CONDITION IN FIELD AT REPORTED 15' SPOIL HEIGHT

CRITICAL HEIGHT FROM FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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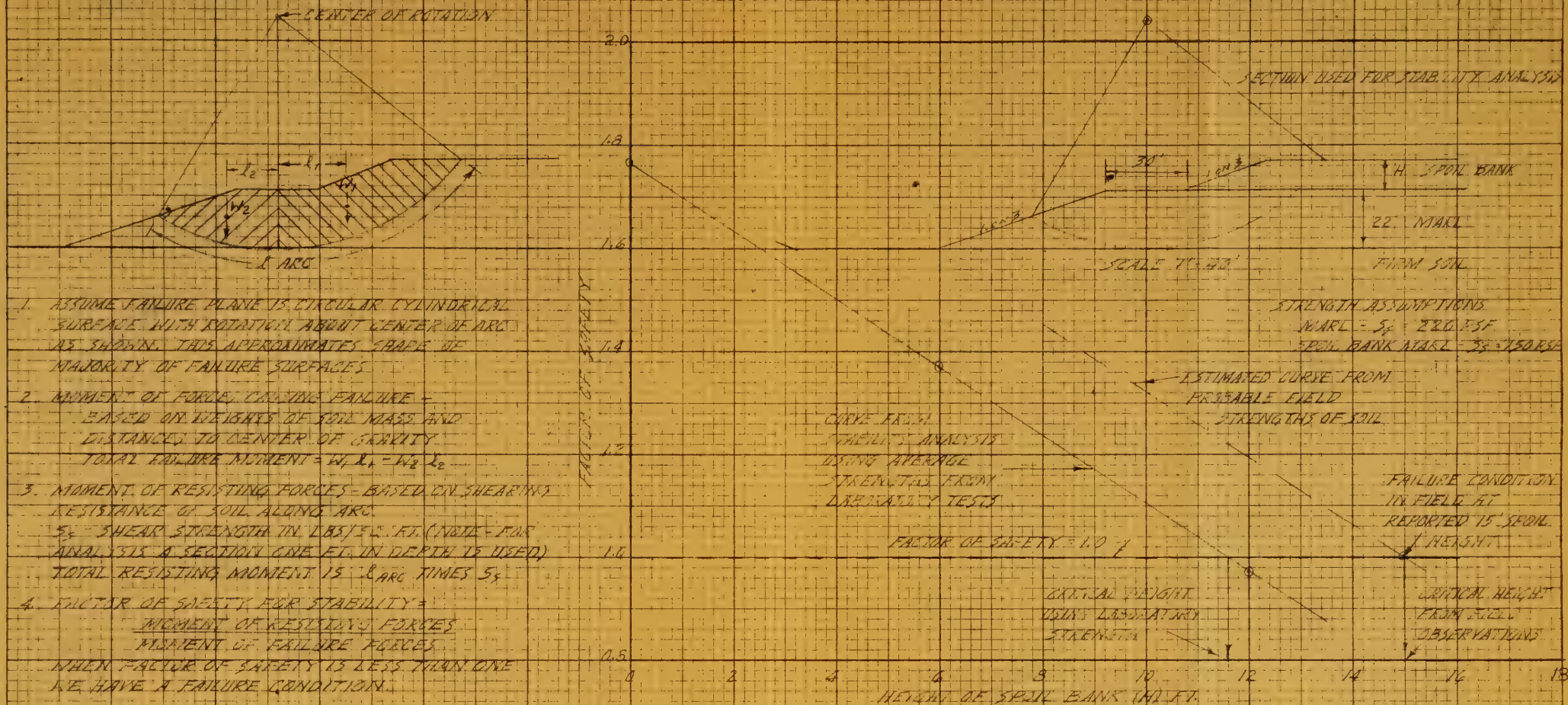
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DESCRIPTION OF CIRCULAR ARC  
STABILITY ANALYSIS METHOD

FACTOR OF SAFETY VS. HEIGHT OF SPOIL BANK (H)



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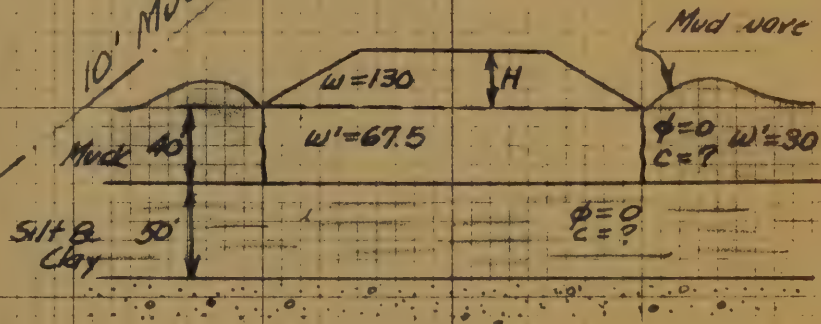
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Muck Removed to Depth of 10' 2

No Muck Wave 2

10' Muck Wave 2



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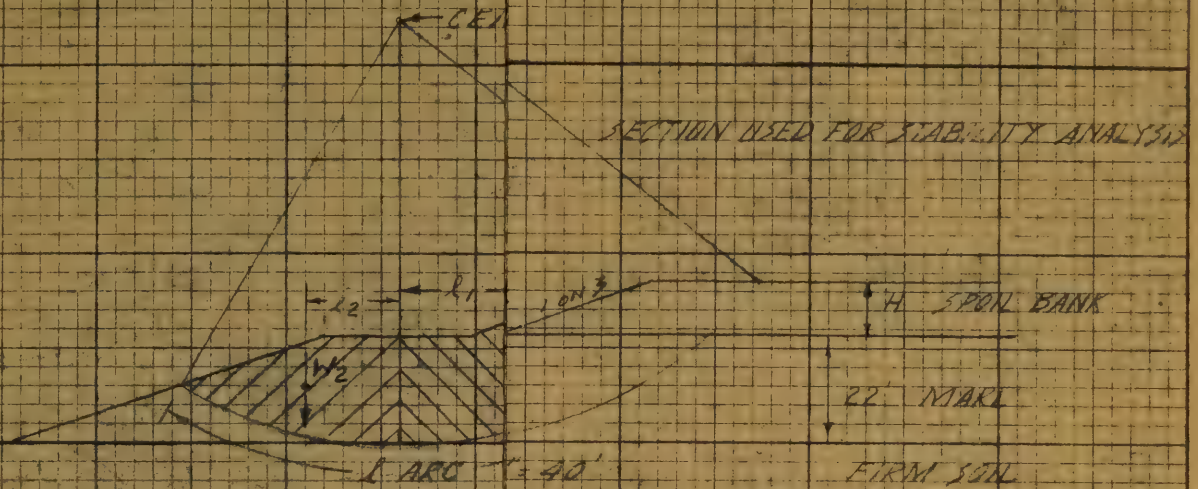








DESCRIPTION OF CIRCULAR  
STABILITY ANALYSIS MEBANK (H)



1. ASSUME FAILURE PLANE IS CIRCULAR SURFACE WITH ROTATION ABOUT AS SHOWN. THIS APPROXIMATE MAJORITY OF FAILURE SURFACE

STRENGTH ASSUMPTIONS

MARL =  $S_u = 220 \text{ PSF}$

SPOIL BANK MARL =  $S_u = 150 \text{ PSF}$

2. MOMENT OF FORCES CAUSING PROBABLE FIELD BASED ON WEIGHTS OF SOIL DISTANCES TO CENTER OF TOTAL FAILURE MOMENT =

ESTIMATED CURVE FROM

STRENGTHS OF SOIL

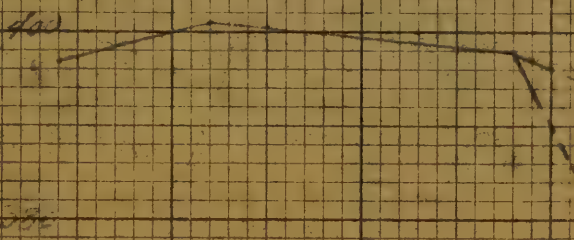
3. MOMENT OF RESISTING FORCE RESISTANCE OF SOIL ALONG  $S_u$  = SHEAR STRENGTH IN LB ANALYSIS A SECTION ONE F TOTAL RESISTING MOMENT =

FAILURE CONDITION IN FIELD AT REPORTED 15' SPOIL HEIGHT

4. FACTOR OF SAFETY FOR STAY MOMENT OF RESISTING MOMENT OF FAILURE WHEN FACTOR OF SAFETY = 1 WE HAVE A FAILURE CONDITION.

CRITICAL HEIGHT FROM FIELD OBSERVATIONS

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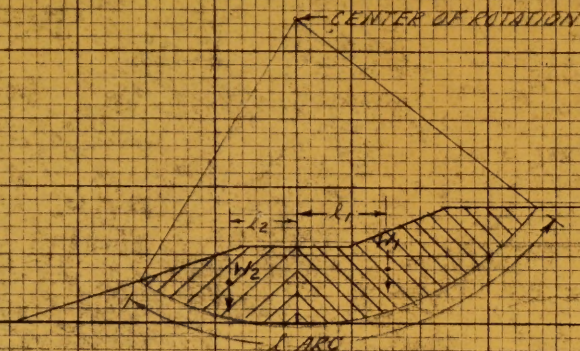
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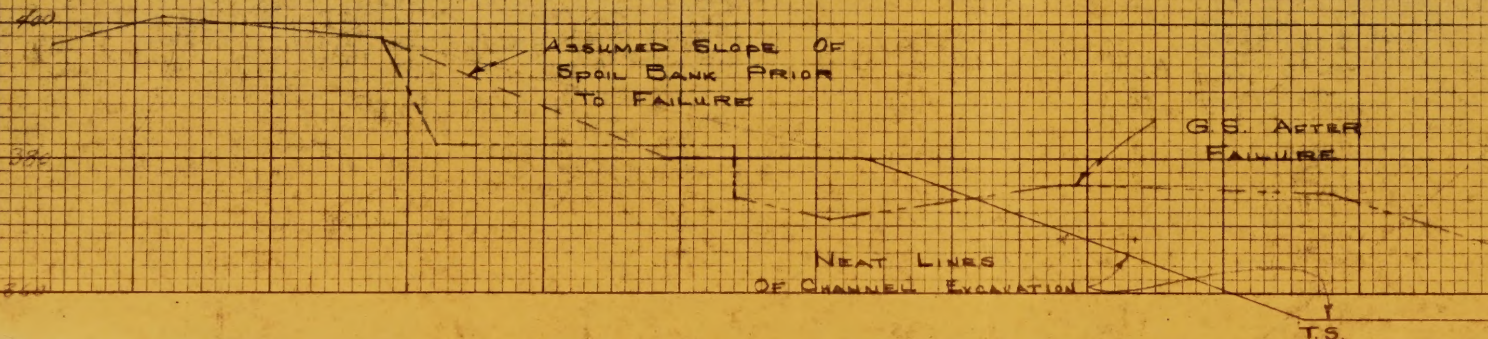
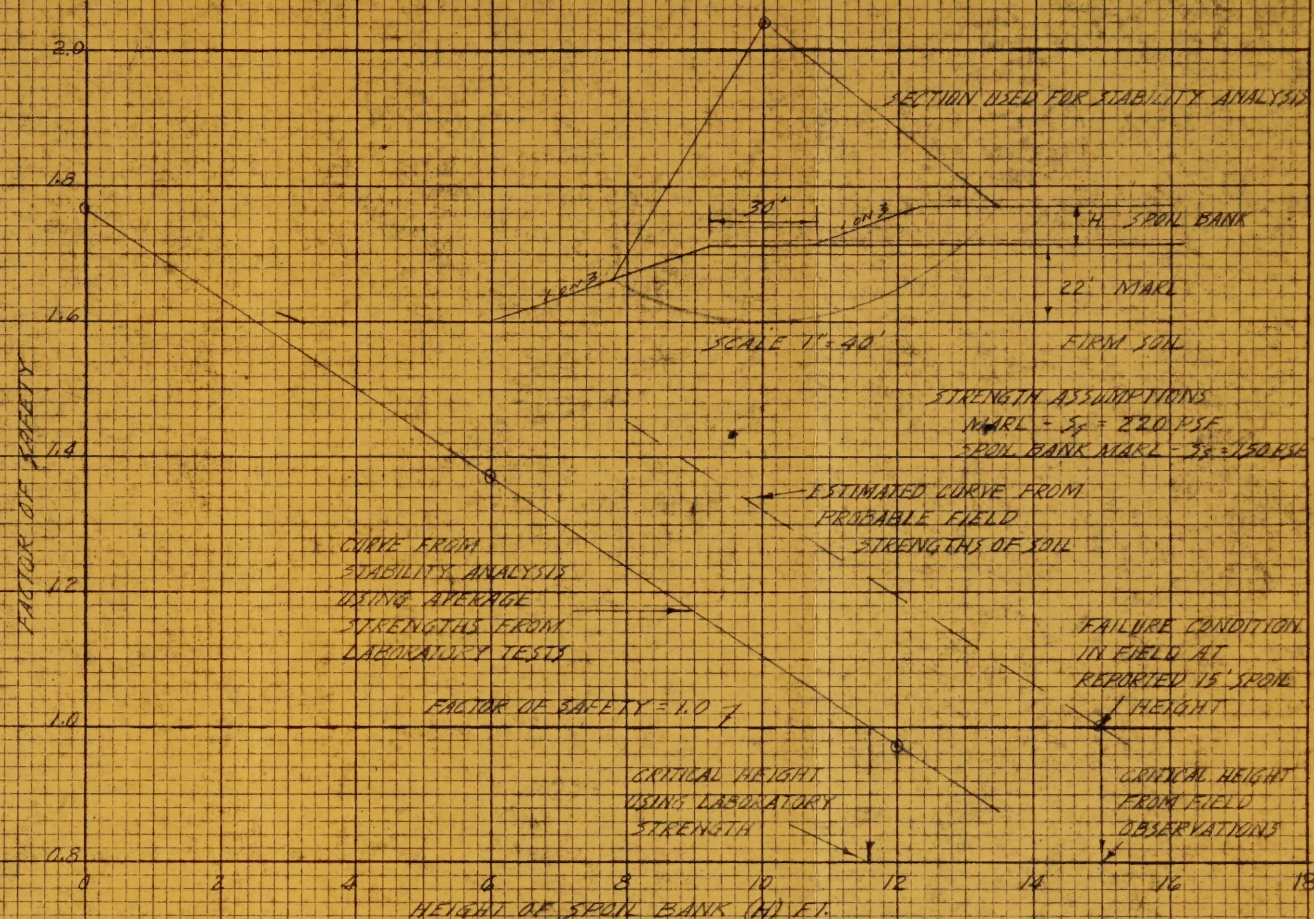


DESCRIPTION OF CIRCULAR ARC  
STABILITY ANALYSIS METHOD



1. ASSUME FAILURE PLANE IS CIRCULAR CYLINDRICAL SURFACE WITH ROTATION ABOUT CENTER OF ARC AS SHOWN. THIS APPROXIMATES SHAPE OF MAJORITY OF FAILURE SURFACES.
2. MOMENT OF FORCES CAUSING FAILURE - BASED ON WEIGHTS OF SOIL MASS AND DISTANCES TO CENTER OF GRAVITY  
TOTAL FAILURE MOMENT =  $W_1 l_1 - W_2 l_2$
3. MOMENT OF RESISTING FORCES - BASED ON SHEARING RESISTANCE OF SOIL ALONG ARC.  
 $S_f$  = SHEAR STRENGTH IN LBS/SQ. FT. (NOTE - FOR ANALYSIS A SECTION ONE FT. IN DEPTH IS USED)  
TOTAL RESISTING MOMENT IS  $l_{ARC}$  TIMES  $S_f$
4. FACTOR OF SAFETY FOR STABILITY =  
 $\frac{\text{MOMENT OF RESISTING FORCES}}{\text{MOMENT OF FAILURE FORCES}}$   
WHEN FACTOR OF SAFETY IS LESS THAN ONE WE HAVE A FAILURE CONDITION.

FACTOR OF SAFETY VS. HEIGHT OF SPOIL BANK (H)



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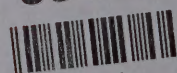








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